



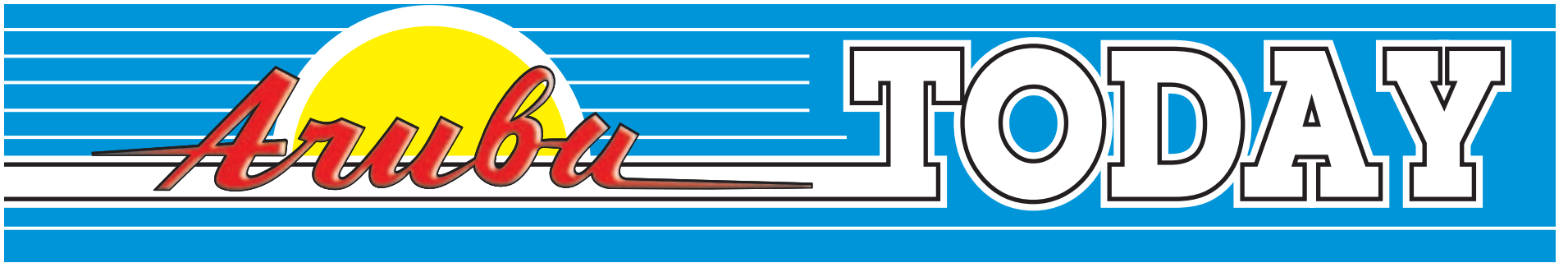
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President Barack Obama walks from the Oval Office across the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, to board Marine One for a short trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., before traveling to New York.

**JOSH LEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — President Barack Obama opened a weeklong fundraising spree for his party Tuesday, telling high-dollar donors in New York and Connecticut that Democrats have facts and history on their side. Yet there still were no signs that Obama planned to take that message directly to voters by appearing on the campaign trail with his

party's candidates. Even while he raises money in private homes from coast to coast, Obama's public campaign schedule is getting off to a late start. Although the White House says Obama will start appearing with candidates as early as next week, no events have been announced. Obama's absence from the campaign trail, less than a month out from Election Day,

underscores the limits to Obama's ability to help his party in the midterms, his own political baggage a potential liability for Democrats who campaign with him publicly. "I'm profoundly optimistic about America. I need you to be also," Obama told Democratic donors. "And then I need you to express your optimism not just by voting yourselves, but by getting involved." Obama's

fundraising jaunt kicked off Tuesday in New York, where police shut down streets as his motorcade rolled through Manhattan to a pair of fundraisers for the Democratic Party. Roughly two dozen donors paid up to \$32,400 to attend a closed-door discussion with Obama, with another 250 donors writing \$1,000 checks to see Obama at a reception. Under crystal chandeliers at a ritzy restau-

rant in the Tribeca neighborhood, Obama accused Republicans of wanting to limit America's prosperity to those at the top while obstructing his efforts to raise wages, improve education and fix immigration laws. He said Democrats would prevail if they were able to persuade enough of their voters to show up at the polls on Election Day.

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(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)



## Protests mount against Islamic State

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Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Kurdish protesters clashed with police in Turkey leaving at least 14 people dead and scores injured Tuesday as demonstrators in Brussels forced their way into the European Parliament, part of Europe-wide demonstrations against the Islamic State group's advance on a town on the Syrian-Turkish border.

Turkey's private Dogan news agency reported 8 dead in the eastern city of Diyarbakir and that the other victims died in cities in the east as police used

have fought a 3-decade-long battle for autonomy and where Syria's violence has taken an especially heavy toll.

Protests were reported in cities across Turkey on Tuesday, after Islamic State fighters backed by tanks and artillery engaged in heavy street battles with the town's Kurdish defenders.

Police used water cannons and tear gas to disperse demonstrators in Istanbul and in the desert town of Kucuk Kenderciler, near Kobani on the Turkish side of the border. One person in Istanbul was hospitalized after being hit in the head

and pushed past police to get into the European Parliament. Once inside, some protesters were received by Parliament President Martin Schulz, who promised to discuss the Kurds' plight with NATO and EU leaders.

In Germany, home to Western Europe's largest Kurdish population, about 600 people demonstrated in Berlin on Tuesday, according to police. Hundreds demonstrated in other German cities. Austria, too, saw protests.

Kurds peacefully occupied the Dutch Parliament for several hours Monday night, and met Tuesday



**Kurdish protesters wearing an apron calling for support to save the Syrian town of Kobani from being overrun by Islamic State group fighters during a demonstration outside the Parliament of Cyprus in the capital Nicosia on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014. Kurdish protesters gathering outside of the parliament to call for help for the town of Kobani on the Syrian-Turkish border.**

(AP Photo/Petros Karadjias)

water cannon and tear gas to disperse protesters who burned cars and damaged businesses.

The activists are demanding more help for the besieged Kurdish forces struggling to hold onto the Syrian town of Kobani. Some European countries are arming the Kurds, and the American-led coalition is carrying out airstrikes against the Islamic extremists, but protesters say it isn't enough.

A demonstrator in Cyprus urged the coalition to "hit the jihadists harder" so that Kurdish forces can hold the town.

Tensions are especially high in Turkey, where Kurds

by a gas canister, Dogan reported. Some protesters shouted "Murderer ISIS!" and accused Turkey's government of collaborating with the Islamic militants. Authorities declared a curfew in six towns in the southeastern province of Mardin, the Anadolu Agency reported.

Hundreds of thousands of Kurds live elsewhere in Europe, and mobilized quickly via social networks to stage protests after the advance on Kobani. Some European Kurds have gone to the Mideast recently to join Kurdish forces.

In Brussels on Tuesday, about 50 protesters smashed a glass door

with legislators to press for more Dutch action against the insurgents, according to local media.

The Netherlands has sent six F-16 fighter jets to conduct airstrikes against Islamic State in Iraq, but says it does not see a mandate for striking in Syria.

France, too, is firing airstrikes on Islamic State positions in Iraq but not in Syria, wary of implications on international efforts against President Bashar Assad.

"We don't understand why France is acting in Kurdistan in Iraq and not Kurdistan in Syria," said Fidan Unlubayir of the Federation of Kurdish Associations of France. □

## IMF trims its forecast for global economic growth

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The International Monetary Fund slightly lowered its outlook for global economic growth this year and next, mostly because of weaker expansions in Japan, Latin America and Europe.

The IMF said Tuesday the global economy will grow 3.3 percent this year, one-tenth of a point below what it forecast in July. World growth should then pick up to 3.8 percent in 2015, two-tenths of a point lower than its previous estimate, the IMF said in the latest installment of its World Economic Outlook.

The global lending organization has a more optimistic view of the U.S. economy, which it expects will grow 2.2 percent this year, up from an earlier forecast of 1.7 percent. Its forecast for 3.1 percent growth in the U.S. next year was unchanged.

Still, the global lending organization warned that the U.S., Europe and Japan could face years of sluggish growth unless governments take steps to accelerate activity. It acknowledged that it has frequently cut its forecasts in the past several years, and said that was partly because of slower long-run growth in advanced economies.

"The recovery continues, but it is weak and it is uneven," Olivier Blanchard, chief economist at the IMF, said at a press conference.

Blanchard warned that low interest rates have made investors "too complacent" in the advanced economies, particularly about the uncertainty around interest rates in the U.S. That could trigger sharp falls in financial markets, especially if rates rise faster than expected.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew had stronger words for the rest of the world. While the U.S. took decisive steps after the 2008 financial crisis to bolster its economy, other nations haven't been as aggressive to solve their own economic problems, he said Tuesday.

"I don't think the United States alone can pull the global economy to where it needs to be," Lew said during an appearance at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

IMF's Blanchard also cited turmoil in the Ukraine and Middle East as risks to global growth, though for now the economic impact is limited to the countries involved. The IMF forecasts that Russia's economy will be brought to a near-standstill by sanctions and falling confidence among international investors.

The IMF forecasts that growth in the 18 countries that use the euro will be just 0.8 percent this year, down from 1.1 percent in its July forecast. It lowered its 2015 projection to 1.3 percent from 1.5 percent.

Japan will grow just 0.9 percent in 2014, the fund said, down from the 1.6 percent pace the IMF previously projected. It sees Japan's growth slipping to 0.8 percent in 2015, down from its July estimate of 1 percent. The world's No. 3 economy has slowed after a large sales tax took effect this spring.

It left its forecasts for China unchanged at 7.4 percent this year and 7.1 percent in 2015. While those figures would be healthy for most nations, they represent the slowest growth for China in decades.

The fund also sharply cut its forecast for Latin America and the Caribbean, which it now expects to grow just 1.3 percent in 2014, down from a July estimate of 2 percent. Growth will be 2.2 percent in 2015, down from 2.6 percent. The figures largely reflect weakness in Brazil.

The report is being released ahead of this weekend's annual joint meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington. □



# Obama keeps distance from campaign trail

Continued from front

"The good news is the American people are on our side," Obama said.

Then he hopped aboard Marine One for the short flight to Greenwich, Connecticut, where his helicopter touched down in a sprawling polo field not far from the stately home of Rich Richman. The real estate developer opened his home to Obama and donors to the Senate Democrats' campaign arm for Obama's third fundraiser of the day.

Obama's fundraising appearances began a week of events intended to shore up the party committees working to keep the Senate in Democratic hands, limit Republican gains in the House and pick up as many governor's seats as possible. On Thursday, the president opens a three-day fundraising swing through California.

All those events will take place in private, sparing the candidates on the ballot from a presidential photo op that could wind up in a Republican campaign ad. Just 4 in 10 Americans approved of Obama's job performance in an Associated Press-GfK poll this summer.

Obama has promised this year to go all out for Dem-

ocrats, and he's already held dozens of private Democratic fundraisers. But the White House says Obama's public campaign schedule — initially expected to pick up in late September — had to be pushed back as the president juggled a dizzying array of crises, ranging from the Islamic State group to Ebola. Obama still plans to spend a few days a week for the rest of October outside Washington, helping rally support for Democrats in key races, aides said, with his schedule ramping up in the final days before the Nov. 4 elections. He'll also appeal to voters through radio ads, robo-calls and digital advertising aimed at revving up minorities and young voters whose sky-high turnout in 2008 helped fuel Obama's win. With voters opposed to Obama in conservative-leaning states like Arkansas and Alaska where Democrats are fighting their toughest Senate races, Obama will focus on just a handful of states where he can potentially help. He will focus more on gubernatorial races, and he is expected to campaign in Florida, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, to name a few. He will spend little time on individual House races. □

## Dead bear cub in Central Park likely hit by an auto

VERENA DOBNIK  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A bear cub found dead under a bush in Central Park was likely hit by a motor vehicle and wasn't the victim of animal cruelty as was first suspected, state wildlife officials said Tuesday.

The lifeless black cub was spotted Monday by two women walking their dogs. There were signs of trauma to the cub's body, which authorities said then may have been dumped there.

One of the women, Florence Slatkin, said she and a friend were leaving the

park when her friend's terrier spotted something near a bicycle lying on the ground.

As they got closer, they realized it was a small bear "with its mouth wide open and scratches on the side," Slatkin said, adding that the cub's head lay on top of a bicycle wheel.

"It was terrible, and it was the strangest thing," she said. "Why was the bike there?"

The women notified a Central Park Conservancy employee.

After the lab tests performed in partnership with Cornell University. □



Marine One carrying President Barack Obama arrives for a fundraiser, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, in Greenwich, Conn. Obama is traveling to New York and Connecticut for Democratic fundraisers. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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## Gay marriage bans in Idaho, Nevada struck down

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**Associated Press**

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — A federal appeals court declared gay marriage legal in Idaho and Nevada on Tuesday, a day after the U.S. Supreme Court effectively legalized same-sex marriage in 30 other states.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down Idaho and Nevada's bans on gay marriage, ruling they violated equal protection rights.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote for a unanimous three-judge panel that laws that treat people differently based on sexual orientation are unconstitutional unless there is a compelling government interest. He wrote that neither Idaho nor Nevada offered any legitimate reasons to discriminate against gay

couples.

State and federal court judges have been striking down bans at a rapid rate since last year's landmark U.S. Supreme Court,

which partially struck down a Clinton-era federal law that defined marriage as between a man and a

woman.

The 9th Circuit ruling comes a day after the nation's top court effectively legalized gay marriage in 11

more states — for a total of 30 — when it rejected a set of appeals from several states. While that ruling stopped short of resolving for now the question of same-sex marriage nationwide, it continued a dramatic turnaround on the issue across the United States, where gay marriage has gained approval in public opinion polls in recent years.

Reinhardt rejected the argument that same-sex marriages will devalue traditional marriage, leading to more out-of-wedlock births.

"This proposition reflects a crass and callous view of parental love and the parental bond that is not worthy of response," Reinhardt wrote. "We reject it out of hand."

The court also has jurisdiction in three other states that still have marriage bans in place: Alaska, Arizona and Montana. Lawsuits challenging bans in those states are still pending in lower courts and have not reached the 9th Circuit.

Technically, the court upheld a trial judge's ruling striking down Idaho's ban and reversed a lower court ruling upholding Nevada's ban.

Reinhardt ordered a "prompt issuance" of a lower court order to let same-sex couples wed in Nevada.

Monte Neil Stewart, the Idaho-based attorney who argued the case for Nevada on behalf of the Coalition for the Protection of Marriage, declined to say whether he'll challenge the order for the prompt start to same-sex marriages. Nevada's governor and attorney general dropped out of the appeal earlier this year. □



**After the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Idaho's gay marriage ban, the attorneys and plaintiffs in Idaho's case gathered for a press conference in front of the James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014 in Boise, Idaho. In front from left to right are three of the four couples in the case: Sue Latta and Traci Ehlers, Sharene and Lori Watson and Rachael and Amber Beierle. Behind them are attorneys Deborah Ferguson and Craig Durham.**

(AP Photo/Otto Kitsinger)

## 2 accused of aiding mom in lesbian custody case

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)**

— A woman accused of fleeing the country with her daughter during a custody dispute with her former partner has been indicted on new charges along with a Virginia businessman and a Mennonite missionary who prosecutors say helped her after she said she was no longer a lesbian.

Business owner Philip Zodiates is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday on charges he brought Lisa Miller to Buffalo in September 2009 and helped her and her daughter, Isabella, cross the border into Canada.

Zodiates, Miller and missionary Timothy Miller were charged in a federal indictment last month with international parental kidnapping

and conspiracy, but only Zodiates is believed to be in the country and available to answer the charges in court. He did not return a call for comment Tuesday.

Lisa Miller and Timothy Miller, who are not related, are believed to be in Central America, where Timothy Miller worked as a missionary. He has acknowledged helping Lisa Miller and her daughter, who's now 12 years old, reach Nicaragua.

The girl's other parent, Janet Jenkins, has been seeking her return for five years. "Isabella, like any other child, deserves to grow up in her home country with parents and relatives who love her," Jenkins said in a statement provided by her attorney, Sarah Star.

Jenkins and Lisa Miller entered a civil union in Vermont in 2000 and split in 2003. After their separation, a Vermont family court gave custody of Isabella to Miller with regular visitation for Jenkins, but Miller later sought full custody after moving to Virginia, becoming a conservative Christian and renouncing homosexuality.

Following a lengthy legal fight, Miller disappeared with Isabella shortly before a Vermont court transferred custody to Jenkins. Star said Janet believes "that her daughter is still in Central America in the company of Lisa Miller and the Amish Mennonite community."

Miller was charged in a 2010 federal criminal complaint in Vermont with inter-

national parental kidnapping. That case is pending. According to the New York indictment, Zodiates, Lisa Miller and Isabella traveled from Virginia to Buffalo on Sept. 21, 2009. Zodiates, the indictment said, spoke by phone with someone in Canada who agreed to help Miller once she crossed the Rainbow Bridge into Niagara Falls, Ontario, the next day.

Zodiates also spoke with a Mennonite pastor from Virginia who was convicted of related charges in 2012, the indictment said. The pastor, Kenneth Miller, was found guilty of aiding in international parental kidnapping for helping arrange flights for Lisa Miller and Isabella. He has appealed his conviction. He is not related to Lisa Miller. □



# American holiday sales seen rising 4.1 percent

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are expected to spend at the highest rate in three years during what's

there still remains some uneasiness and anxiety among consumers when it comes to their purchase decisions," said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Fed-

for nearly 20 percent of annual retail industry sales. The figure also provides some insight into the mindset of consumers, which is important since consumer spending accounts for up to 70 percent of economic activity.

There have been some positive economic news lately that suggests Americans are ready to spend. A surge in hiring last month helped push down the nation's unemployment rate to a six-year low of 5.9 percent, within short distance of the 5.5 percent that economists believe signals a healthy economy. And the stock market is up 6 percent since the beginning of the year, trading at nearly all-time highs.

But wages aren't rising, making it hard for the aver-

age person to juggle daily living expenses. Meanwhile, the housing market has seen a slowdown partly because investors are pulling away because of higher prices.

And many would-be buyers are unable to obtain a mortgage, particularly first-time buyers, because of tight credit.

That has created a divide between the wealthiest shoppers and everyone else. In fact, since the Great Recession, spending by the five percent wealthiest consumers accounts for more than one-third of total spending, according to Moody's Analytics 2010 research and separate research earlier this year by economists at the St. Louis Federal Reserve and Washington University. □



In this Nov. 28, 2013 file photo, people shop at a Gap factory store at the Citadel Outlets in Los Angeles. Americans are expected to spend at the highest rate in three years during what's traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, the National Retail Federation said Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, according to the nation's largest retail industry trade group.

But the spending trends that have become prevalent in the years since the Great Recession are expected to continue into the winter holiday shopping season: Industry watchers say shoppers will spend only if there are big discounts. And there will be a huge divide in spending between the haves and have-nots.

"It goes without saying

eration. "The lagging economic recovery, though improving, is still top of mind for many Americans."

Overall, the National Retail Federation said Tuesday that it expects sales during the November and December period to be up 4.1 percent to \$616.9 billion, up a percentage point higher than last year. It marks the highest increase since 2011 when the rise was 4.8 percent.

The prediction is an indicator for stores that rely on the last two months of the year, which on average account



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# US warming up to idea of lower heating bills this winter

**JONATHAN FAHEY**

**AP Energy Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Heating bills should be lower this winter because the deep freeze that chilled much of the nation last year is unlikely to return.

Last year, persistently low temperatures across the Midwest, South and East forced people to crank up the heat. The high demand jacked up the price of some fuels, especially propane. Heating bills soared. This year, milder temperatures should reduce homeowners' fuel use, according to the Energy Department's annual prediction of winter heating costs. The price of propane and heating oil should be lower, helping those customers save even more.

"Temperatures are forecast to be warmer than last winter and that means less demand for heat," said Adam Sieminski, administrator of the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration, in a statement.

Lower energy costs give the economy a boost. This winter, some customers

could see savings of nearly \$800 on their heating bills, according to the EIA. Gasoline prices are expected to soon drop below \$3 per gallon on average in up to 30 states. Consumers will have more money to spend on other things, and consumer spending is 70 percent of the nation's economy.

But it's probably not wise to spend those hoped-for savings just yet.

Some of the conditions that helped bring record-cold temperatures to the middle of the country still exist, according to Matt Rodgers of Commodity Weather Group, which forecasts weather and heating demand for energy companies.

The warm water in the North Pacific that helped push polar air south into the U.S. still remains, he says. There is also more moisture in the jet stream thanks to warmer water in the tropical Pacific that could generate more East Coast and Southeast snow.

The EIA, using forecasts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, predicts the heating season is expected to fall, to \$649 from \$680 level in four years. The Energy Department predicts

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**In this Feb. 13, 2014 file photo, John Wood, of Bordentown, N.J., delivers heating oil in Trenton, N.J. The Energy Department's annual prediction of winter heating costs released Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014 says that Americans will pay less because they won't have to crank up the heat as much.**

**(AP Photo/Mel Evans)**

number of heating degree days — a measure of heating demand — will fall 12 percent this year.

Here's the outlook for customers of the four most common heating fuels based on current forecasts.

## **NATURAL GAS**

Nearly half the nation's households heat with natural gas, and they will see a sharp increase in prices, especially in the Northeast. On average the retail price will rise 5.8 percent to \$10.57 per 1,000 cubic feet. Northeast customers will see a rise of 6.8 percent, to \$12.42 per 1,000 cubic feet, the highest in the country. Natural gas wholesale prices are higher than they were last year, in part because last year's cold winter drained gas in storage. Storage levels are 11 percent below their five-year average for this time of year. New England prices are higher because there is not enough space on existing pipelines to carry the increasing amount of gas needed in the region for heating and generating electricity.

The average natural gas bill for the October-to-March

last year, because customers are expected to use less. Natural gas remains the cheapest heating fuel by far.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Electricity prices are heavily influenced by natural gas prices, so they're on the rise. But electricity customers should use less this winter, resulting in lower heating bills for many.

The natural gas pipeline constraints are pushing power prices sharply higher in the Northeast. The Energy Department predicts northeast power prices will rise 12 percent this winter. Electric utilities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have warned customers that prices will rise up to 47 percent.

Average bills are expected to fall nationwide however, to \$938 from \$955. Thirty-nine percent of U.S. customers heat with electricity.

## **HEATING OIL**

Heating oil customers will get a big break on their bills, both because of lower consumption and lower prices.

Lower global crude oil prices are helping push heating oil prices to their lowest

the average price will be \$3.63 per gallon, down from \$3.88 last year.

Only 5 percent of U.S. households use heating oil, but they tend to be in very cold areas, especially in the Northeast.

Heating oil customers will pay \$1,992 on average, \$362 less than last year.

## **PROPANE**

The propane market was thrown into chaos last year. Supplies were low going into the winter thanks to high demand for use in drying crops. Then the Midwest, where propane use is most prevalent, got socked by the cold, boosting demand even further.

Local distribution companies saw supplies fall sharply and prices skyrocketed.

The Energy Department says supplies going into this winter are higher than at any time since at least 1993 and demand is expected to be lower. That will lead to an average price of \$1.99 per gallon in the Midwest, down 24 percent from last year's record average of \$2.61.

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## US Financial Front:

# American job openings rise in August as hiring falls

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. employers advertised the most job openings in nearly 14 years during August, yet their pace of hiring fell compared to July.

The number of available jobs rose 230,000 to 4.84 million during the month, the Labor Department said Tuesday. Restaurants, hotels and health care providers drove much of the increase, which resulted in the most openings since January 2001.

But total hiring fell 294,000 to 4.64 million, driven by declines in construction and retail. This suggests a potential mismatch between the wages employers are



**Matt Fahr, left, sales manager with the Charlotte Hornets, speaks with High Point University freshman, Kule Kubanka, about career opportunities, during a career day at the Slane Student Center in Haigh Point, N.C. The Labor Department released job openings and labor turnover survey for August on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014.**

(AP Photo/The Enterprise, Laura Greene)

willing to pay and the skills of the workers available to

be hired.

Still, the report suggests

that employers expect economic growth to continue, creating a need for more workers. The September jobs report showed that employers added 248,000 jobs last month, as the unemployment rate slid to 5.9 percent from 6.1 percent.

"This is more evidence that we should expect further robust gains in employment over the next few months and, consequently, further declines in the unemployment rate," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

The big question is when wage growth will meaningfully surpass inflation. Average hourly wages are up just 2.3 percent over the past 12 months.

Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey or JOLTS, provides a more detailed look at the job market than the monthly employment report. It includes figures for overall hiring, as well as the number of quits and layoffs. The monthly jobs figures are a net total of job gains or losses.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen has been closely monitoring JOLTS data as she considers when the Fed should begin to raise short-term interest rates from near-zero levels. Job openings have climbed 23 percent in the past 12 months, a clear sign that employers are searching for additional workers. □

## Low calls to boost growth

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said Tuesday that the U.S. economy is strengthening, but he is concerned that other nations are not doing their part to boost global growth. The United States took decisive steps after the 2008 financial crisis to get its economy growing, he said. In contrast, he described a less determined response by other nations to their own economic problems. Lew stressed a "need for more action in quite a number of parts of the world," although he didn't single out specific countries. "I don't think the United States alone can pull the global economy to where it needs to be," Lew said during an appearance at the Peterson Institute to preview this weekend's meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending

agency, the World Bank. The IMF on Tuesday trimmed its outlook for global growth, reflecting weaker expansions in Europe, Japan and Latin America. It also warned that the United States, Europe and Japan could face years of sluggish growth unless government took steps to accelerate activity. The U.S. dollar has been strengthening in recent weeks, a development that could harm U.S. growth prospects by making its products less competitive in global markets. At the same time, declines in the value of other global currencies such as the Japanese yen and euro could boost exports in those regions.

"We have called on many countries in the world to take decisive action to get their economies to grow," Lew said in response to a question about whether he had concerns over a strengthening dollar. □



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## American Living:

# Tea ceremony still a respite from fast-paced world

**KATHERINE ROTH**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Despite the rapid pace of our high-tech world, or perhaps because of it, the ancient Japanese tradition of tea ceremony is as popular as ever, with tea ceremony schools, demonstrations and quiet tatami-mat tea rooms thriving in cities around the world.

The Urasenke Chanoyu school of tea ceremony, founded in the 17th century in Kyoto, Japan, is one of the world's largest. Guided by the deceptively simple mission of "seeking peacefulness in a bowl of tea," its network of schools holds classes and demonstrations. In addition, other small Japanese tea rooms can be found hidden away amid the bustle of many large cities. "If you practice tea, you become more attentive to things in general. And some people say concentrating on tea ceremony is therapeutic," said Masako Soyu Miyahara, a senior instructor at Urasenke in Manhattan, which has over 100 students.

Founded in 1964, the center is on the site of a 130-year-old carriage house. The traditional interiors of its elegant tea rooms, imported from Japan, feature a half-dozen precious woods and carefully crafted paper screens and straw tatami mats.

"Students come in from the hectic busy world, and when they leave they feel calm," Miyahara said.

The ceremony involves far more than taking a hand-made bamboo whisk to

a large ceramic bowl of steaming water and finely powdered green tea.

"A lot of people these days have heard of tea ceremony, and when I tell people I study it they say, 'Oh, why that's neat,'" said Gregory Kinsey, who speaks with the soft southern lilt of his native Florida. "But when I say I've been

Saturday with Miyahara.

"It's just that the more I learned the more interesting it became, and it slowly took over the center of my life," he said. "I'm always trying to get better." Serious adherents must be knowledgeable about ceramics, lacquer, metal work, calligraphy, flower arranging and even cook-

to master.

"According to Zen priests, every aspect of your life is Zen. Similarly, every aspect of your life is tea ceremony," said Miyahara, of Kyoto. "Tea ceremony is not a show. It is like music or dance or other arts. There is a lot of technique to be learned so that it can really flow beautifully."



**Masako Soyu Miyahara, right, of Kyoto, a licensed senior instructor, gives an advanced level tea ceremony class to Louis Gregory Kinsey, of Florida, at the Urasenke Chanoyu Center in New York. Kinsey works in real estate finance but has been studying tea ceremony in his spare time for 32 years. He is now a licensed 1st-degree instructor at the school. (AP Photo/Katherine Roth)**

studying it for 32 years, they kind of pause and ask why it takes so long," said the kimono-clad Kinsey, a real-estate finance professional and licensed first-degree instructor at the Urasenke school in Manhattan. (As in martial arts, tea ceremony has specifically proscribed levels of expertise.) He was taking an advanced-level private lesson on a recent

ing, as well as philosophy, etiquette, precise body movements, and the exact wording (in Japanese) of the conversation carried on during the preparation and serving of a small meal or sweet dessert, followed by a bowl of bitter green tea.

It takes at least a year or two to attain the most basic level of tea ceremony, and it can take a lifetime

Both she and Kinsey said they were first drawn to tea through their love of the Japanese sweets that traditionally accompany bowls of matcha, finely powdered green tea and hot water whisked until frothy.

But stepping off a bustling city street into the calm of a Japanese tea house, it's easy to feel the draw even before the ceremony be-

gins.

The rustling of kimonos and gently sliding paper screens replaces the sound of honking taxis. Shoes and cell phones are left at the entrance. Tea is prepared alongside a ceramic charcoal brazier and served gracefully in handmade bowls, the best of which are so individual they are given evocative names like "perpetual celebration" or "summer festival music."

The tea ceremony, which is slow and meditative and can last from one to four hours, usually takes place on tatami mats in tea rooms featuring precious woods and paper shoji screens. A Japanese tea room traditionally has an alcove in which a scroll with poetry and some carefully arranged seasonal flowers are displayed. Dessert is served, and then the tea, made slowly using ancient utensils over a low ceramic stove. The tea is sipped, and the last sip enjoyed with a quick, purposeful and often sonorous slurp. The tea bowl can then be cradled in both hands to be examined and appreciated, giving way to delicate and carefully choreographed conversation. If the guests have appreciated and enjoyed the shared moment, the gathering is deemed a success. Although traditional-style tea rooms are difficult to find, even in Japan, they can be readily found online. Reservations for demonstrations or lessons must usually be made in advance. □



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## Turkey: Syrian town poised to fall to militants

**RYAN LUCAS**  
**LETERIS PITARAKIS**  
**Associated Press**  
**MURSIPTINAR, Turkey (AP)** — Islamic State fighters were poised to capture a strategic Syrian town on the Turkish border, Turkey's president warned Tuesday, even as Kurdish forces battled to expel the extremists from their footholds on the outskirts.

The outgunned Kurdish fighters struggling to defend Kobani got a small boost from a series of U.S.-led airstrikes against the militants that sent huge columns of black smoke into the sky. Limited coalition strikes have done little to blunt the Islamic State group's three-week offensive, and its fighters have relentlessly shelled the town in preparation for a final assault.

Warning that the aerial campaign alone was not enough to halt the Islamic State group's advance,

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called for greater cooperation with the Syrian opposition, which is fighting both the extremists and forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

"Kobani is about to fall," Erdogan told Syrian refugees in the Turkish town of Gaziantep, near the border. "We asked for three things: One, for a no-fly zone to be created; Two, for a secure zone parallel to the region to be declared; and for the moderate opposition in Syria and Iraq to be trained and equipped."

Erdogan's comments did not signal a shift in Turkey's position: He has said repeatedly that Ankara wants to see a more comprehensive strategy for Syria before it commits to military involvement in the U.S.-led coalition.

Turkish tanks and other ground forces have been stationed along the border



Turkish Kurds standing on the outskirts of Suruc, on the Turkey-Syria border, watch smoke rise following an airstrike in Kobani, Syria, where the fighting between militants of the Islamic State group and Kurdish forces intensified, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab and its surrounding areas have been under attack since mid-September, with militants capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages. (AP Photo/Leteris Pitarakis)

within a few hundred yards of the fighting in Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, but have not intervened. And while Turkey said just days ago that it wouldn't let Kobani fall, there's no

indication the government is prepared to make a major move to save it. Since mid-September, the militant onslaught has forced some 200,000 people to flee Kobani and sur-

rounding villages, and activists say more than 400 people have been killed in the fighting. It has also brought the violence of Syria's civil war to Turkey's doorstep. □

## Israel fires into Lebanon after Hezbollah attack

**ARON HELLER**  
**Associated Press**  
**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel fired toward Hezbollah positions in southern Lebanon on Tuesday after the Shiite guerillas set off an explosion along the tense border that wounded two Israeli soldiers, in the most serious incident between the two countries in months.

The Israeli military said soldiers were on a patrol when an explosive device went off. Israeli troops then found a second explosive device on the Israeli side of the border, which was detonated by Israeli bomb squads. Israeli forces then responded by firing artillery toward two Hezbollah positions in Lebanon. On its Al Manar TV station, Hezbollah issued a statement claiming respon-

sibility for the blast, saying it targeted an Israeli patrol. The admission marked a rare instance of an open clash between the two bitter enemies and a stark flare-up after years of relative calm. Israel and Lebanon have been in a state of war for six decades, but the border area has remained largely quiet since a month-long war in the summer of 2006 between Israel and Hezbollah. There have been sporadic outbursts of violence since then.

Israel suspects that Hezbollah may be looking to flex its muscles along the border to deflect attention away from its struggles in fighting against Islamic rebels in Syria. Israeli officials said Tuesday's attack marked an escalation, but they did not

expect it to devolve into an all-out conflict. "The Lebanese govern-

ment and Hezbollah are directly liable for this blatant breach of Israel's sov-

ereignty," said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a spokesman for the Israeli Defense Forces. □

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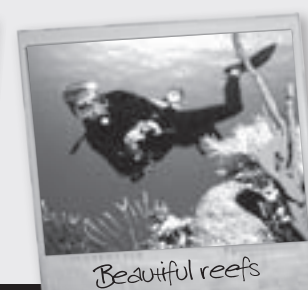


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A woman holding up a sheet of paper with the face of the Portuguese Education Minister Nuno Crato, shouts slogans during a protest by Portuguese teachers in Lisbon. Seven teachers' trade unions organized the march to protest the government's education policies. Sign reads in Portuguese: "justice waits for you."

(AP Photo/Francisco Seco)

## European Union: Frustration mounts over unemployment

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AP Business Writer

**MILAN (AP)** — Protesters who tried to scale the walls of the royal palace in Naples where the European Central Bank was meeting last week embodied the frustration of 26 million jobless Europeans.

With the policymakers literally behind fortified walls, symbolically isolated from the stark realities of the economy, the 3,000 demonstrators outside expressed their anger at leaders' inability to create jobs. "I would like to tell them that the money has to be delivered to the workers, the salaries have to be raised in order to boost the real economy," Enzo De Vincenzo, a union coordinator in Naples, said during the protest.

European Union leaders will try to show some solidarity when they meet Wednesday in Milan for a one-day

summit on how to create jobs.

Expectations are low, however. Rather than any big announcements, the leaders are likely to nudge along programs start last year to find jobs for Europe's youth, nearly one-quarter of whom are jobless. They will also discuss structural reforms to relaunch growth in the eurozone and bring down unemployment, which remains near record highs at 11.5 percent.

At the center of the debate will be the growing divide between countries like Italy and France who want to slow down the pace of spending cuts to avoid hurting growth, and Germany, which has long been the main enforcer of austerity policies and budget rules.

Greater spending by governments on roads and schools can help growth. The problem is many Eu-

ropean states — including Italy and France — have high debt they are trying to lower.

"There is no employment without growth. There is no growth without employment," Italian Premier Matteo Renzi told reporters Tuesday. "These two elements are very tied together."

Caught in the middle of the debate over the merits of austerity are the jobless, who are still struggling to find work.

Here are some voices of Europe's unemployed:

### ATHENS VIGIL

Anna Maria Zoumba stands vigil outside the tax office in the western Athens suburb of Aegaleo where she worked for 16 years. The 50-year-old mother of three is one of 595 finance ministry cleaners who lost her job in 2013 as part of austerity measures aimed at cutting public expenses. □

## East Ukraine rebels keep up battle to take airport

**PETER LEONARD**  
Associated Press

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** — Defense officials in Ukraine said Tuesday there has been no letup in efforts by pro-Russia separatist fighters in the east to capture the airport in the main rebel-held city of Donetsk.

Security spokesman Andriy Lysenko said rebels fired on the terminal from tanks, artillery systems and multiple rocket launchers.

A cease-fire that nominally came into effect one month ago has been routinely flouted, with substantial shelling concentrated in the area around Donetsk airport.

Fighting has also been reported in numerous other parts of the Donetsk region.

A senior U.S. diplomat visiting Ukraine called for an end on the assault on the airport, which remains under the control of government forces, and for hostilities to be suspended in other nearby towns.

In a veiled reference to Russia's widely claimed backing of separatist forces, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland demanded that foreign armed forces be pulled out of Ukraine.

"The shooting has not stopped, and the shooting must stop," Nuland told students at a university in Kiev. "All foreign forces and foreign equipment must be withdrawn."

While the airport does not bear immediate tactical significance for separatist forces devoid of any air power, the terminal's proximity to their primary stronghold is viewed as potentially undermining their longer-term security goals.

Residential buildings are frequently hit in Donetsk as a result of shelling duels. Donetsk city authorities say four civilians were killed Monday.

Rebels and government officials regularly trade accusations over who is responsible for the civilian deaths. Separatist fighters have been observed launching artillery strikes from locations within residential areas, eliciting hasty responses from Ukrainian troops that often miss their mark and hit houses. On Tuesday, Associated Press reporters observed rebels firing weapons from the top floor of a largely deserted nine-story apartment overlooking the airport.

Rebels accuse of government forces of unwarranted and arbitrary attacks on the civilian population.

The Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe is next week expected to come into delivery of two drones that will enable it to improve efforts to monitor violations of the Sept. 5 cease-fire agreement. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko told a delegation of officials from OSCE member states Tuesday that he eventually wanted to see 1,500 observers deployed in the east and that at least 29 drones be put at their disposal.

Since unrest began, Ukraine has appealed for a broad array of foreign support, including military aid. □





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## Murky players emerge from within Hong Kong protest

LOUISE WATT

Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — In the Hong Kong protests, not all is as it seems.

From the shadows of the city's mass street protests, murky characters have emerged. Allegations have spread among protesters, the local media and online that triad gangsters, paid demonstrators, police pretending to be protest leaders, and even a stuntman feigning suicidal tendencies have arrayed themselves against the students and the Occupy Central movement.

Part of this is to do with rumors flying around in a continually changing situation, with no time for people to verify what they read or hear. But with the Chinese Communist Party in the background after taking control from Britain in 1997, Hong Kong citizens are ever ready to believe such claims of duplicity.

Michael DeGolyer, a political economist at Hong Kong Baptist University, said there is a "wedge of distrust" within Hong Kong society because there is a coyness about who belongs to the Communist Party — which does not officially exist as a party within the political system here — while another section of society suspects there are foreign interests giving directions within this former colony.

"There are rich grounds for suspicion from both the pro-democracy groups, or you might say the pro-American or pro-British groups, and the pro-government, or you might say the pro-Beijing groups, that they are not being honest about really who is encouraging them or giving them money or directing them,"

DeGolyer said. "This is not a society that is characterized by a huge degree of trust."

This atmosphere of distrust has come to the fore during days of protests by students and Occupy Central, an alliance of pro-democracy activists, who are calling for genuine democratic reforms in this semiautonomous region.

When police fired tear gas and pepper spray on protesters on Sept. 28, it caused an upsurge in support and brought tens of thousands of Hong Kong residents onto the streets.

On Sunday afternoon, a man who wanted the protests to end climbed up to the top of a pedestrian walkway over a key road that has been at their epicenter and looked as if he might jump if student leaders didn't meet with him. He used a megaphone to berate protesters for stopping him from getting to work and his three children from going to school, and later brandished a box cutter.

While he was still up there, rumors circled on social media and the pro-democracy Apple Daily reported that he was in fact a stuntman who had been hired to disrupt the protests. What purported to be his photo in the stuntman's register was circulated.

But the Hong Kong Stuntman's Association denied on Tuesday that the stuntman, identified as Leung Siu Hung, was the man in question.

"It doesn't look anything like him. He's much fitter," spokeswoman Rita Yeung said by phone.

Police and fire crews had rushed to lay out two large inflatable cushions beneath him and some

protesters tried to debate with him. No leaders came to meet with him and he eventually stepped down nearly five hours later.

Later Sunday, amid divi-

cal television broadcasts showed Joe Yeung, identified as a protester, shaking hands with a police official and saying protesters would remove barriers

Yeung was an auxiliary police officer and accused him of being part of a ruse. Yeung told The Associated Press by phone that he was both a part-time police



A man who is identified by local media as Leung Siu Hung, a stuntman, holding a cutter, threatens to jump off the bridge to protest the Occupy Central movement outside the government headquarters in Hong Kong's Admiralty. In the Hong Kong protests, not all is as it seems. In the chaos of mass street protests, murky characters come into play. The Hong Kong Stuntman's Association denied on Tuesday that the stuntman was the man in question.

sion among protesters after Occupy Central had announced it was withdrawing from some areas, lo-

from outside the office of the chief executive, Hong Kong's leader. Later on, internet users found out that

officer and an Occupy Central supporter, and since Sunday's incident had handed in his resignation.



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## Mexico federal police take over city after attacks

**MARK STEVENSON**  
**Associated Press**

**IGUALA, Mexico (AP)** — On the day 43 students disappeared in this southern Mexican town, the mayor's wife was giving a speech to local dignitaries on family social services. In another town, it could have been a normal scene. But tough-looking civilians guarded Maria de los Angeles Pineda Villa, a woman with alleged fam-

officials are conducting DNA tests to determine if some of the students are among 28 charred bodies found last weekend in freshly covered mass graves. Iguala Mayor Jose Luis Abarca is now a fugitive, and state officials have arrested 22 city officers. His wife's whereabouts are unknown. The possible massacre has focused attention on the extent to which local police

government, not the state government, not the party leadership." President Enrique Pena Nieto ordered a special federal police force to take over Iguala as his top security officials rushed to contain a smear on the image of stability and falling crime rates that they've projected to the outside world. Jose Miguel Insulza, secretary general of the Organi-

their fund-raising and meeting up to return home about the same time Pineda Villa was making her speech. State officials say local police went on the attack, shooting at the buses students had hijacked for their return, as well as innocent bystanders in other vehicles. At least six people were killed and more than 25 wounded.

Blanco said the imprisoned municipal police deny killing anyone, but had bloodstains in the back of their pickup trucks. One policeman admitted handing over at least 10 detained students to "people he didn't know," Blanco added.

Security camera footage showed non-uniformed men forcing people into the back of a pickup truck, as others ran to escape.

One of them, Julio Cesar Mondragon, ignored his colleague's entreaties to take refuge in the home of a local resident and kept running, said Vidufo Rosales, a lawyer for the families of the missing students.

He was later found dead on the side of the road, the skin stripped from his skull.

Blanco said prosecutors later detained an alleged Guerreros Unidos gang member, who confessed to taking 17 of the students to a hillside outside of town "where they had clandestine burial pits" and killing them on order from a drug gang boss.

AP journalists visited the burial pits on a wooded hillside. They are a mile (1.5 kilometers) up a narrow, muddy path from the nearest house, indicating that the victims must have walked to their death. It would have been nearly impossible for the killers to drag dead bodies up the steep path. □



**Masked students belonging to the Isidro Burgos rural teachers college paste images of the 43 missing students from their school in a hallway of the state Attorney General's office during a protest in Chilpancingo, Mexico, Tuesday Oct. 7, 2014.**  
(AP Photo/Felix Marquez)

ily ties to organized crime. A police force that state and federal officials accuse of being infiltrated by drug gangs patrolled the streets. Into this combustible mix came the students from a radical rural teacher's college that had defied drug cartel extortion in the past. Well-known for blocking highways and other protests, they arrived with plans to solicit donations from passers-by. Many never made it back home after the Sept. 26 police attack that killed six and injured at least 25. Of-

forces such as Iguala's are permeated by organized crime. Pineda, the mayor's wife, is from a family with known ties to the Beltran Leyva cartel. Prosecutors had identified her late brother Alberto as a main lieutenant in the cartel and he was arrested in 2009, along with her father and mother.

"Everyone knew about their presumed connections to organized crime," Alejandro Encinas, a senator from the mayor's Democratic Revolution Party, told The Associated Press. "Nobody did anything, not the federal

zation of American States, said Tuesday that he is deeply concerned about the disappearances and murders, which he said, "have brought grief not only to the Mexican people but to all the countries of the Americas."

The chief prosecutor for Guerrero state, Inaky Blanco, said suspects have testified that as many as 30 members of the local police force were members of the Guerreros Unidos drug gang, an offshoot of the Beltran Leyva group.

The students were ending

## IN BRIEF

### Puerto Rico cop pleads in robbery case

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — A former Puerto Rico police sergeant has pleaded guilty to involvement in an armed house robbery. Jorge Fernandez Aviles was accused of driving a patrol car with two other police officers to a home where authorities said they stole a stash of cocaine in July 2012 with help from a civilian. Police said the officers falsely claimed they were executing a search warrant. Fernandez was accused of receiving a portion of the proceeds after the cocaine was sold. The 49-year-old pleaded guilty on Tuesday to robbery and firearms charges. Three other police officers also have pleaded guilty in the case. □

### Puerto Rico priest Viera pleads guilty

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — A defrocked priest in Puerto Rico accused of lewd acts involving a 13-year-old boy has accepted a plea deal as his trial was set to begin. Edwin Mercado Viera pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and now faces between three to eight years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 21. The 53-year-old was a popular figure in the Diocese of Arecibo before he was accused of fondling the genitals of a 13-year-old altar boy in 2007. Prosecutors were preparing to select the jury when Mercado entered his plea on Monday. He was one of six defrocked priests from the Arecibo parish. Authorities in the U.S. territory are investigating at least 17 other priests and eight dioceses facing similar allegations. □

## Dominican Republic probes death of 11 children

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** — Authorities in the Dominican Republic said Tuesday they are investigating 11 deaths at the main children's hospital in Santo Domingo. Among those who died over the weekend were eight children less than a year old, including three

newborns. Rosa Nieves, director of the Robert Reid Cabral Children's Hospital, told radio station Z101 that the deaths coincided with a breakdown of the hospital's ventilation system but denied that was to blame. She the children who died were in the intensive care

unit in serious condition because of various ailments, and that they received mechanical and manual ventilation after the system failed.

"We never stopped administering them oxygen," Nieves said.

Doctors have warned in recent months that the hos-

pital lacks the resources and infrastructure needed to properly take care of patients. As a result of those complaints, Health Minister Wilfredo Hidalgo created a commission in September to evaluate conditions at the hospital. A report has not yet been released. □





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## Sarah-Quita Offringa Crowned World Champion in Sylt, Germany

**ORANJESTAD** - 2008 was the first time Sarah-Quita Offringa was crowned World Champion and she holds a PWA record for being the youngest competitor to win a world title in women's freestyle for seven successive years, without losing a heat. She is an inspiration for young athletes and has been a driving force behind a new school of women's freestyle windsurfing. She has supreme athletic ability and talent and is a real ambassador for the sport of sailing.

It was that time of the year again when the elite of the slalom, freestyle and wave-sailing world descended upon Germany's famed Westerland, Sylt shores for the 31st edition of the Davidoff Cool Water Sylt PWA



Super Grand Slam, which ran from September 26th until October 5th.

Westerland is Germany's northernmost town, located 186km northwest of Hamburg, and is situated on the beautiful North Sea Island of Sylt. Thanks to its

affluent, glamorous lifestyle and thriving tourism industry, Westerland, has earned the reputation of being the 'Beverly Hills' of Germany.

- Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Mystic) - who is also starting to show her skills in the waves, after re-

cently claiming her maiden podium finish in Tenerife arrived late to compete in the women's wave sailing due to flights being cancelled, delayed and subsequently missing connecting flights causing her to arrive 20 minutes late for the only women's heat of the day against Eva Oude Ophuis who received a bye into round three, with Sarah-Quita absent from the single elimination. The next women's wave sailing round never crystallized over the next 8 days as the wind gradually dropped in strength and more autumnal weather moved in with infrequent showers and light winds. These conditions continued to dominate causing the organizing committee to resort to running the Reno SUP challenge, which saw twelve 4 man teams battling it out in heats of two to keep the large crowds of more than 200.000 entertained. The eighth day of the DAVIDOFF Cool Water Sylt PWA Super Grand Slam saw the light winds continue, but there was still plenty of action on the water to keep the crowds entertained throughout the day. First of all a wind SUP race was held, which saw teams of four going head-to-head in a relay battle.

Eventually Sarah-Quita Offringa, Antoine Albert, Taty Frans and Nicolas Akgazciyan came out on top, before an evening of explosive action in the Philips Winch Tow-in Freestyle contest, which saw Jose 'Gollito' Estredo claim victory ahead of Ricardo Campello.

The final day of the 2014 DAVIDOFF Cool Water Sylt PWA Super Grand Slam saw the light winds return, meaning the final action

of the event was another SUP Race. With no more competition being possible at 3:30pm the official prize giving was held as the winners were crowned in front of a packed out beach to close the curtain on another great event in Sylt. Jose 'Gollito' Estredo from Venezuela was crowned the PWA Freestyle World Champion for the sixth time in his illustrious career.

Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Mystic / Maui Ultra Fins) was officially crowned PWA Freestyle World Champion for an incredible seventh time. During an Interview she said: "Yeaah! Lucky number seven. I am actually really happy about it, especially because this year I had time to train and I feel like I progressed, in competition as well. When they called out my name earlier on stage, I felt a bit emotional. When I think about it, seven world titles is actually a lot, so... I don't know... I'm thankful, it's really good. I'm also happy to see Oda (Johanne) and Maaike (Huvermann) pushing because that also keeps pushing me to improve. I can't wait to be back."

During the prize giving ceremony the National Anthem of Aruba was intoned. The MC jokingly asked: "Did I see some tears in your eyes?" Upon which LSQ chuckled and said: "I do remember one year that I started to cry because it is so nice to hear my anthem all the way here in Germany. This time I managed to hold them back but it is really close". The MC expressed that it is always a pleasure to have Sarah-Quita at this event. She has been going to Sylt since 2006 and is a household name at this event. □

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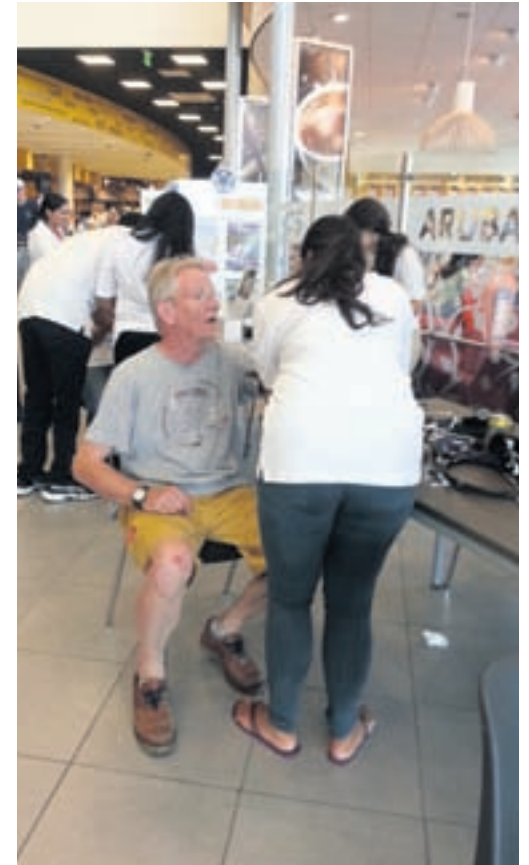


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## NFL Roundup



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) reacts to running back Marshawn Lynch's touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.

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## Wilson leads penalty-prone Seahawks by Skins 27-17

JOSEPH WHITE  
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) -- How's this for a frustrating hat trick: Percy Harvin had three touchdowns called back because of penalties.

"Well, the first one I was cool with," he said. "I was like, 'OK.' Then when the second one happened, I was like, 'Wow.' And then when the third one happened I just flipped my hands down. I couldn't believe it."

Were it not for the self-inflicted wounds, the Seattle Seahawks might have had a cakewalk against the Washington Redskins. As it was, they settled for a 27-17 win in a Monday night game flush with "neutral zone infractions," holds, false starts and even a 15-yarder that was called because someone, according to the referee, "hit a player on the ground unnecessarily."

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# TO THE MATT

## Cardinals advance to NLCS

St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams celebrates after hitting a three-run home in the seventh inning of Game 4 of baseball's NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, in St. Louis.

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# Nadal to play in Shanghai despite appendicitis

**JUSTIN BERGMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Rafael Nadal is counting on antibiotics to control his appendicitis so he can get through the Shanghai Masters this week.

The second-ranked Nadal began feeling pain in his abdomen late Saturday, and the next day went to the hospital where he learned he had the early stages of appendicitis.

Nadal said on Tuesday he chose to try treatment with antibiotics rather than undergo surgery right away. He felt well enough to begin hitting again, he said.

The 14-time major winner said the risk of his condition getting worse after three days of steady improvement "is always very, very low."

"I am not going to go for surgery. That's great news for me today. That's why I'm here practicing for 45 minutes, and trying to play tomorrow. But obviously I am not in my best condition," he said.

Nadal said he will talk with his doctors when he returns to Spain after the tournament about whether he will need to have the appendix removed.

"My idea is take it out, but you can imagine that I didn't (think) much about that yet. I am here in Shanghai. I just want to try. Then when I go back home, I will talk about the situation with my doctor," he said.

The Spaniard is playing just his second tournament since returning from a two-month layoff due to a wrist injury. After missing the sum-



**Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot to Martin Klizan of Slovakia during the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China, Friday, Oct. 3, 2014. Klizan went on to win the match.**

**Associated Press**

mer hard-court season, including the defense of his

title at the U.S. Open, Nadal said it was important to get back on the court as soon as possible so he's back in top form before the Australian Open in January. He reached the China Open quarterfinals last week.

"I don't expect anything from these two tournaments. I expect just to come here and play again and practice and feel a little bit again the competition, try to get in rhythm as soon as possible," he said.

Nadal plays his opening match on Wednesday against countryman Feliciano Lopez.

Meanwhile, Fabio Fognini of Italy lost to a Chinese wild card making his ATP Tour debut, then bumped into him at the net and gave an obscene gesture to the crowd.

The No. 17-ranked Fognini, a 10-year professional, was upset by the 553rd-ranked Wang Chuhan 7-6 (5), 6-4.

After the two shook hands, Fognini gave Wang a little shove with his arm as they crossed paths, then flashed his middle finger to the crowd upon exiting the stadium.

The fiery Italian, who was fined \$27,500 at Wimbledon for outbursts during a first-round match, has lost five of six matches since reaching the Cincinnati quarterfinals in August.

Wang said he knew Fognini's game somewhat after

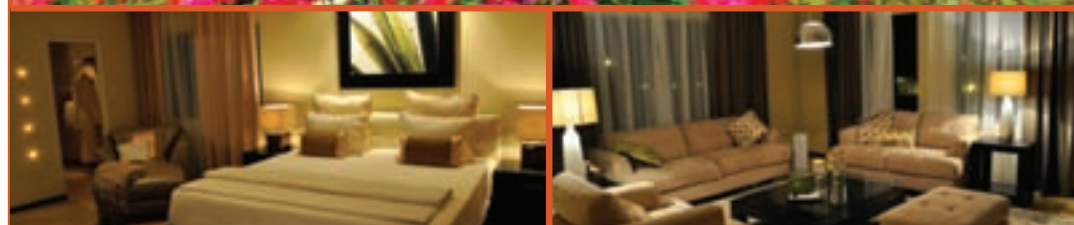
practicing with him in Beijing last week, but didn't have a lot of confidence heading into the match.

"When I was practicing with him before, I found he's more fast-paced than me," he said. "This match has really, most importantly, helped me get closer to this kind of feeling of competing with top-100 players. Hopefully, next time when I meet a top-100 player, I won't feel so nervous or feel that it's impossible to win."

He next plays Tunisian qualifier Malek Jaziri, ranked 87th, for a spot in the third round. Two-time major winner Andy Murray was broken twice in the second set but recovered to defeat Russian qualifier Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-1, 7-5.

Murray is playing for the third straight week in hopes of qualifying for next month's ATP finals in London. After winning a title in Shenzhen two weeks ago and reaching the semifinals of the China Open, he now sits in ninth place in the standings, just outside the eight-man field. "In these three weeks, mentally, it can be challenging to concentrate match after match," Murray said. "Each day when you get up, you have to be on it, you have to be ready and prepared."

Other winners included Mikhail Youzhny of Russia, Gilles Simon of France and Ivan Dodig of Croatia. □



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## Cardinals sink Kershaw again, head to another NLCS

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
AP Sports Writer

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** -- The St. Louis Cardinals tagged Clayton Kershaw in the seventh inning for the second straight time, riding Matt Adams' go-ahead, three-run homer to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday and a fourth consecutive trip to the NL Championship Series.

Following their 3-1 win in the best-of-five series, the Cardinals await San Francisco or Washington with their rotation well-rested for the NLCS, which starts Saturday. They would open at home against the Giants or at the Nationals. Trevor Rosenthal allowed two runners in the ninth before getting Carl Crawford on a game-ending groundout for his third save of the series. At AT&T Park in San Francisco, fans cheered when the rival Dodgers were eliminated. An overwhelming favorite to win his third NL Cy Young Award in four years, Kershaw's October resume is a wreck.

Kershaw dropped to 1-5 with a 5.12 ERA in 11 postseason games, including three relief appearances early in his career. He has lost four straight starts to St. Louis over the past two postseasons.

While the steady Cardinals advanced to their ninth NLCS in 15 years, the defeat was a huge disappointment for the NL West champion Dodgers, who finished the regular season with a \$256 million payroll that was \$40 million higher than any other team.

Los Angeles remains without a pennant since winning the 1988 World Series. Kershaw started on three days' rest for the second

time in his postseason career. He was dominant into the seventh, as he was in Game 1, but again started the inning with three straight hits.

The third hit Tuesday came when Adams drove a curveball on Kershaw's 102nd pitch into the right-center bullpen to put St. Louis up 3-2. Adams thrust

to the Cardinals, with Matt Carpenter connecting in the opener. The left-handed ace is 0-3 with a 9.72 ERA in his last three postseason appearances, including St. Louis' clinching Game 6 victory in the NLCS last year.

Reliever Marco Gonzales earned his second victory of the series, after getting

Kershaw had yielded only one hit through six innings and struck out nine, including three in a row in the sixth.

But Matt Holliday opened the seventh with a sharp single up the middle off second baseman Dee Gordon's glove, and Jhonny Peralta lined another single before Adams

Matt Kemp's double-play grounder and added another on Juan Uribe's RBI single against Seth Maness.

But Los Angeles wasted a chance to add on when Andre Ethier, playing in place of Yasiel Puig, was picked off third by Molina - a call overturned by video review.



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw reacts after giving up a three-run home run to St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams in the seventh inning of Game 4 of baseball's NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, in St. Louis.

his hands over his head in the batter's box then jumped several times as he ran down the first base line. A stunned Kershaw bent over on the mound, head hung and hands on his knees.

"I had a pretty good idea that it was gone," Adams said.

Kershaw allowed one homer to left-handed hitters while going 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA in the regular season. He gave up two

treated for a nosebleed. The rookie lefty got Adrian Gonzalez on a groundout to end the seventh and strand two runners.

Pat Neshek worked a perfect eighth for the second straight game and Rosenthal pitched the ninth for a second straight day, receiving two visits to the mound from catcher Yadier Molina and one from the pitching coach after a shaky start to the inning.

homered off a left-hander for the first time since July 7.

The Cardinals had an NL-low 105 homers this season and left-hander batters had only eight homers against lefty pitching. But lefties hit five off Dodgers southpaws in four playoff games.

Shelby Miller matched Kershaw into the sixth, when the Dodgers started the inning with two hits. They scored a run on

Miller went 5 2-3 innings in his first postseason start.

Both pitchers likely benefited the first few innings from late-afternoon shadows mixed with brilliant sunlight.

Kershaw piled up five strikeouts the first time through the order. The Cardinals got the ball out of the infield for the first time on Carpenter's routine fly on a checked swing leading off the fourth. □

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## NFL Roundup

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"It could've been a very big night for us," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We came out flying, but we were just a little bit out of whack."

One player who definitely wasn't out of whack was Russell Wilson, who rushed for a career-high 122 yards and a touchdown and completed 18 of 24 passes for 201 yards with two scores as the Seahawks (3-1) maintained their dominance in games played under the lights. Seattle is an NFL-best 21-8 on Monday nights, including nine wins in a row. The team is also 11-1 in prime time under Carroll.

Wilson dazzled throughout, whether it was a designed run or a scramble out of the pocket. He had rushes of 16, 29, 13 and 22 in the first two drives. He headed for the pylon on a clinical zone-read run for a 9-yard score in the sec-



**Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) is stopped by Washington Redskins defensive end Jarvis Jenkins (99), nose tackle Chris Baker (92) and strong safety Bashaud Breeland (26) during the first half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md., Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.**

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ond quarter, giving Seattle a 17-0 lead, and pulled off two incredible run-for-his-life scrambles in the second half after the Redskins threatened to make a game of it.

"It was like he wasn't Superman in the second half," Redskins safety Ryan Clark said. "He was, like, Clark Kent, half-Superman."

He still did his thing." But how bad was the Seahawks' penalty bug? It wasn't until a 4-yard run by Alfred Morris with three minutes left in the first half that the Redskins' total yards (47) passed Seattle's penalty yards (45) for good.

"I just think it's 'Monday Night Football.' You know, the fans are watching and everybody wants to see a

good game, so they're going to try to make it as close as possible," Seattle safety Earl Thomas said. "It's a business."

Seattle finished with 13 penalties for 90 yards, and Harvin paid the price. It would have been 21-0 if either of his would-be touchdowns - on back-to-back plays - had counted in the first half. First, his 16-yard run to the end zone was wiped out by holding on left guard James Carpenter, then his 26-yard catch-and-run was negated by a flag for a false start on Harvin himself. Early in the fourth quarter, Wilson hit a wide-open Harvin for an apparent 41-yard score, but Carpenter was cited again - this time because he blocked a Redskins player who was already on the ground.

"It got to the point where he had a little talk in the huddle," Seattle receiver Doug Baldwin said. "Like, 'We need to get things straight - because this is ridiculous.'"

Indeed, the Seahawks re-

covered from the third overturned TD. Wilson scrambled every which way - and nearly past the line of scrimmage before retreating - and hit Luke Willson for a 19-yard gain, and punter-holder Jon Ryan ran 5 yards on a fake field goal on fourth-and-1. The Redskins pulled within a touchdown on Kirk Cousins' 6-yard pass to Andre Roberts with 3:35 to go, but the Seahawks took the ensuing kickoff and marched back down the field. Wilson converted a third-and-4 with another scramble, evading Ryan Kerrigan and tumbling backward as he found Lynch for a 30-yard gain.

And there was no flag.

"I don't know what the heck happened on that play," Carroll said. "For everybody to be right and not grab somebody or do something wrong in the midst of all the chaos, and we come out of it with about a 40- or 50-yard play or whatever it was, it was phenomenal."

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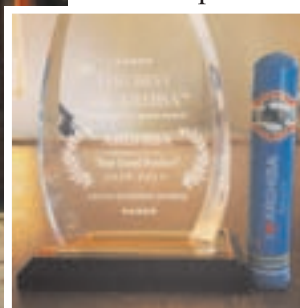
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Chapter One, Prescriptions from Paradise, Introduction to Biocompatible Medicine, By Carlos M. Viana

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As an Oriental medical doctor, one of my preferred treatment modalities is acupuncture. Acupuncture is an ancient Chinese medical practice that is effective in addressing a wide variety of ailments. This treatment, developed over 4,000 years ago reflects the theory that conditions that cause disease interrupt energy flow in the body. Acupuncture aims to reestablish healthy energy flow through the insertion of thin sterile needles at specific points, sometimes with the application

of heat and pressure. The needles, which are used only once, have nothing inside them and are a finer gauge than even the finest hypodermic needles. With a healthy energy flow re-established, the body can balance itself, regaining health.

In the past, Western medical experts have been skeptical of acupuncture's therapeutic value, unable to believe that the simple act of inserting fine needles into tissue could elicit any positive, long-lasting response. The ancient practice, however, is now gaining increased acceptance in the Western world.

In recent years, more people in the United States have consulted energy physicians than conventional doctors, prompting the American Medical Association to recommend that their member doctors either buy an existing complementary practice or attend an acupuncture certification course to maintain their business's cash flow. A consensus panel convened by the National Institutes of Health in 1997 concluded that acupuncture treatment is effective for many medical and painful conditions.

Generally during a treatment, which usually lasts about twenty minutes, patients feel deep relaxation, in part caused by brain endorphins released during the procedure. Relaxation

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Acupuncture works to stabilize energy among the organs, relieve pain, and reduce swelling. For example, at the organ level it can beneficially treat all symptoms of liver chi stagnation, which include fibromyalgia; migraine headaches; arthritic joints; symptoms of irregular periods; PMS; dark-colored menstrual blood with small clots; breast pain with distension; yeast infections; dizziness; spleen dampness and liver heat; as well as irritability, depression, and frustration. In terms of pain management, the number of needles and specific treatment depends on whether the pain is acute or chronic. Additionally, at the Viana Healing Center, we have seen good results when using acupuncture as part of a protocol reliving skin, stress related issues, and to aid in the spiritual opening of the Chakras.

Acupuncture is safe if practiced by trained acupuncturists. Our clinic uses only sterile disposable needles. Chinese physicians also know about how emotions correlate with specific organs however, most acupuncturists do not integrate this information into

treatments. It is as though the discussion of emotions is sometimes taboo. The path to health is facilitated when there is recognition that the body, mind, emotions, and spirit are intertwined and affect one another. This is an important part of my diagnosis and treatment protocol.

Having been trained in Shanghai, I make my diagnoses in the traditional manner from two wrist pulses, tongue, mouth, face, and nails rather than first asking about client symptoms. If a physician trained in acupuncture examines you, asks a couple of questions, and then tells you what you have been feeling, you have found a good one.

My protocol, "biocompatible medicine" recognizes acupuncture's ability to help reestablish healthy energy flow and also emphasizes the use of nontoxic materials in medical treatments.

GET the POINT! Although acupuncture can trigger emotional release, it tends not to be physically painful. If you have needle phobia, mention your anxiety to the acupuncturist and, during your session, use your mind to achieve relaxation. The World Health Organization's position on acupuncture, stated as follows: "Generally speaking, acupuncture treatment is safe if it is performed properly by a well-trained practitioner. Unlike many drugs, it is non-

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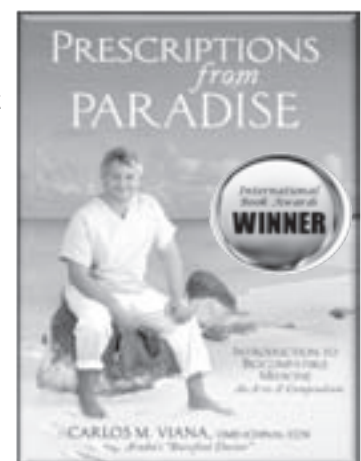
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# Mobile revolution shakes up Silicon Valley

**MICHAEL LIEDTKE**

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Smartphones, tablets and other gadgets aren't just changing the way we live and work. They are shaking up Silicon Valley's balance of power and splitting up businesses. Long-established companies such as Hewlett-Packard Co. and eBay Inc. are scrambling to regain their footing to better compete against mobile-savvy trendsetters like Apple and Google, as well as rising technology stars that have built businesses around "cloud computing."

That term covers a swath of Internet-driven services that shifted technology from the days software users paid a one-time fee to buy and install programs on individual machines where they also stored all their data on hard drives. But with the advent of the "cloud," people can now rent software to use over the Internet. This enables customers to access documents, pictures and other vital information from any kind of Internet-connected device, a convenience that's become a necessity during the past few years as people increasingly rely on smartphones and tablets instead of laptop and desktop computers.

Business software makers such as Salesforce.com Inc., VMware Inc. and Workday Inc. built their entire business models around the cloud. All have delivered impressive revenue growth that turned their stocks into hot commodities. Online storage services Dropbox and Box have yet to go public. But they have been minted with big valuations from venture capitalists who believe they will thrive amid the increased usage of mobile devices and cloud-computing services. Meanwhile, Apple Inc. and Google Inc. are prospering from the rise of mobile devices now that their competing software systems — iOS and Android — run most of the smartphones and tablets in the world. Apple now reigns as

the world's most valuable company at roughly \$600 billion while Google ranks third at about \$400 billion. Google is developing another way to make money off the cloud-computing movement: leasing some of the servers in its data centers to mobile application and Web service providers. Amazon.com Inc. has been

explored three years ago only to back off after CEO Meg Whitman concluded the company would be stronger if it held on to the PC division. That conclusion reflected a long-standing belief that companies are generally better off when they have an array of products to appeal to the various needs

starts to swing back the other way. You start to sell off pieces because it becomes unmanageable as a business." Yahoo Inc., a long-struggling company that built one of the Internet's best-known brands, currently faces pressure from activist investor Starboard Value LP to make changes such as spinning

holders. Even though both HP and eBay dawdled with their spinoffs, it's probably a good sign that they both finally got around to doing it, says technology analyst Rob Enderle. Investors evidently think so too. eBay's stock price surged by more than 7 percent on the day the PayPal spinoff was announced, while HP's shares



**In this Feb. 25, 2014 file photo, the Samsung Galaxy S5 is demonstrated at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile phone trade show in Barcelona, Spain.**  
**Associated Press**

doing the same thing for an even longer period of time, enabling providers to develop and introduce new cloud computing services without having to spend a lot of money on servers sold by the likes of HP, IBM Corp. and Oracle Corp.

The rise in mobile popularity has taken a big bite out of personal computer sales. That's slammed Silicon Valley pioneer HP, once the world's biggest seller of PCs.

Since Apple ignited the tablet market with the 2010 release of the iPad, the annual revenue in HP's personal computer division has plunged by more than 20 percent. That downturn is a key reason why HP's market value has fallen by about \$55 billion, or 40 percent, since the iPad's release. In an effort to adapt, HP said Monday that it will split off its PC and printer operations and form a separate company tailored to business software and services for the cloud-computing age. The spin-off is something HP originally ex-

of different customers. HP and other large companies are "struggling to compete against younger upstarts," says long-time Silicon Valley observer Paul Saffo. "Once upon a time, scale and size were a competitive advantage. Now, they are a problem."

Last week online marketplace eBay announced a similar spinoff. After rejecting the notion earlier this year, it decided to unleash its online payment service, PayPal, to give it a better chance to compete against threats posed by other mobile payment options. Most analysts believe Apple's decision to introduce its own mobile payment service, Apple Pay, on the new iPhones released last month prompted eBay to finally cut PayPal loose.

"Is this the beginning of a trend?" wonders Bob O'Donnell, chief analyst at TECHanalysis Research. "We saw a lot of tech firms become conglomerates. At a certain point in any market, the pendulum

off its lucrative stakes in two Asian companies, Alibaba Holding Group and Yahoo Japan. Since Starboard urged the company to take action in a letter late last month, Yahoo has only said it will explore its options and maintain an "open dialogue" with all share-

gained nearly 5 percent after the company disclosed plans to part with its PC division. "The companies are at least trying to evolve to address the threat, which is a good sign because the change in technology is accelerating," Enderle says. □

## Insiders seen most at fault in data breaches

**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)** — A new study says that most breaches of personal data in Europe over the past decade were due to errors and abuse committed by an organization's employees, not hackers. Researchers at the Central European University's Center for Media, Data and Society found that 226 million personal records were compromised in 30 European countries since 2005, with Britain, Norway, Germany and Greece among those with the most cases. The study's author, Philip Howard, said 57 percent of the incidents reported were attributed to organizational errors, insider abuse or mismanagement, while "clear acts of theft" by hackers accounted for 41 percent of the breaches, with 2 percent unspecified. The report also found that, in Europe, 56 personal records were compromised for every 100 Internet users. □



# Stocks slide on global growth concerns

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AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The prospects of weakening global growth weighed on the stock market Tuesday. U.S. growth may be strengthening, but the outlook elsewhere is far less encouraging. On Tuesday the International Monetary Fund trimmed its forecast for global economic growth. A surprisingly weak report on industrial production in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, added to the concerns. Industrial companies, whose fortunes are closely tied those of the global economy, led the sell-off. Government bonds rallied as investors snapped up safe assets, pushing the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note close to its lowest level of the year. After a weak September, the slump in stocks is showing no signs of abating in October. The Standard & Poor's index has now dropped almost 4 percent since closing at a record Sept. 18. "Investors have become a bit more cautious about earnings and about the pace of global growth," said Kate Warne, a principal at Edward Jones, an investment firm. "That reassessment is leading to a bit more caution on stocks." The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 29.72 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,935.10. The index closed at a record 2,011.36 on Sept. 18.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 272.52 points, or 1.6 percent, to 16,719.39. The Nasdaq composite fell 69.60 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,385.20. General Motors was

reported preliminary sales results that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. The stock tumbled \$6.05, or 21.9 percent, to \$21.52. Stocks started the day lower after a report showed that German industrial out-

Companies will soon start reporting earnings for the third quarter and investors will be watching out for their forecasts for the rest of the year. "Investors are starting to get worried that Europe is



**Trader Steven Kaplan, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The prospects of weakening global growth weighed on the stock market Tuesday.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

among the biggest decliners in the S&P 500 after analysts at Morgan Stanley cut their price target for the stock. The analysts predict that the automaker's earnings will suffer as it invests heavily in production. GM's stock dropped \$1.98, or 5.9 percent, to \$31.77. SodaStream was another big loser. The company said it isn't winning over enough new customers in the U.S. and

put fell 4 percent in August, far more than expected. The slump follows other disappointing economic reports and suggests Europe's economy will not recover as strongly as hoped in the third quarter. The prospect of slowing growth in other parts of the world weighing on corporate profits was behind the sell-off Tuesday, said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

going to dent growth," Ablin said. "It's an open invitation for managements to lower their guidance." The IMF trimmed its outlook for global economic growth this year and next, mostly because of weaker expansions in Japan, Latin America and Europe. The IMF said Tuesday that the global economy will grow 3.3 percent this year, slightly below what it forecast in July. □

## SodaStream run at Coke and Pepsi losing its steam

**CANDICE CHOI**  
AP Food Industry Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — SodaStream says it isn't winning over enough new customers in the U.S. and reported preliminary sales that fell short of Wall Street expectations.

The company's stock tumbled 21 percent to \$21.90 in afternoon trading. Over the past year, its stock has lost more than half its value.

CEO Daniel Birnbaum said Tuesday that the Israeli company's U.S. business underperformed in the third quarter because of lower-than-expected demand for its soda makers and flavors. While it successfully established a base of repeat users in the U.S., Birnbaum said SodaStream isn't attracting new users at the rate the company would like.

SodaStream International said revenue for the third quarter is expected to be about \$125 million. That's down from \$144.6 million a year ago, and below the \$153.6 million analysts expected, according to FactSet. The company is scheduled to report final results for the period Oct. 29. Birnbaum says the company has shifted its focus to play up SodaStream's "health and wellness" benefits. SodaStream has touted its machines as a cheaper, more environmentally friendly alternative to buying bottled or canned drinks such as Coke and Pepsi. It has been trying to make a splash in the U.S. and advertised in the last two Super Bowls, with the latest commercial featuring actress Scarlett Johansson. Although the machines are in just 1 percent of U.S. homes, the company has noted it's in as many as 25 percent of homes in Sweden.

Depending on the model, SodaStream machines cost between \$80 and \$130 and are powered by CO2 cartridges, which cost about \$30 and need to be replaced after a certain number of uses. □

## Consumer borrowing up \$13.5 billion in August

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. consumers increased their borrowing in August in the category that covers auto loans and student loans but cut back on their credit card borrowing.

Overall borrowing rose \$13.5 billion in August following a revised \$21.6 billion increase in July, the Federal Reserve reported Tuesday. The gains have pushed total consumer debt to a record level of \$3.25 trillion.

The category that includes auto loans and student loans increased \$13.7 billion in August while the category that covers credit card debt declined by \$208 million, the first drop in this area in six months.

Rising levels of consumer borrowing coupled with strong employment growth are viewed as a good sign that consumers are more confident about taking on debt to finance purchases. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

Consumer spending rose a healthy 0.5 percent in August, adding to signs that the economy was sustaining strength in the July-September quarter. The gains are expected to continue in the final three months of the year. The government reported Friday that employers added a strong 248,000 jobs in September and the number of jobs created in July and August was revised up by 69,000. The gains helped push the unemployment rate down to a six-year low of 5.9 per-

cent last month. The August increase in total borrowing put it 6.8 percent above a year ago. Auto and student loans are up 8.2 percent from a year ago while credit card debt has risen a smaller 3.2 percent.

The large increase in student debt has raised concerns that young Americans are being saddled with student loans that will keep them from buying homes or spending as previous generations have after college. □





A worker pushes shopping carts in front of a Wal-Mart store in La Habra, Calif. The world's largest retailer plans to work with DirectHealth.com, an online health insurance comparison site and agency, to allow shoppers to compare coverage options and enroll in Medicare plans or the public exchange plans created under the Affordable Care Act.

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## Wal-Mart cuts health benefits for certain part-time workers

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., America's largest private employer, plans to eliminate health insurance coverage for some of its part-time U.S. employees in a move aimed at controlling rising health care costs.

Wal-Mart told The Associated Press that starting Jan. 1, it will no longer offer health insurance to employees who work less than an average of 30 hours a week. The move affects 30,000 employees, or about 5 percent of Wal-Mart's total part-time workforce, but comes after the company already had scaled back the number of part-time workers who were eligible for health insurance coverage since 2011.

The announcement comes after Wal-Mart said far more U.S. employees and their families are enrolling in its health care plans than it had expected following rollout of the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, which requires most Americans to have health insurance or pay a penalty. Most American workers still rely on their employers for health care, though low-income earners can receive federal subsidies for insurance in states that accepted them.

The announcement follows similar decisions by Target, Home Depot and other big retailers to completely

eliminate health insurance benefits for part-time employees.

"We had to make some tough decisions," Sally Welborn, Wal-Mart's senior vice president of benefits, told The Associated Press. Welborn said she didn't know how much Wal-Mart will save by dropping part-time employees, but added that the company will use a third-party organization to help part-time workers find insurance alternatives: "We are trying to balance the needs of (workers) as well as the costs of (workers) as well as the cost to Wal-Mart."

Wal-Mart, which employs about 1.4 million full- and part-time U.S. workers, says about 1.2 million Wal-Mart workers and family members combined now participate in its health care plan. And that has had an impact on Wal-Mart's bottom line. Wal-Mart now expects the impact of higher health care costs to be about \$500 million for the current fiscal year, or about \$170 million higher than the original estimate of about \$330 million that it gave in February.

But Wal-Mart is among the last of its peers to cut health insurance for some part-time workers. In 2013, 62 percent of large retail chains didn't offer health care benefits to any of its part-time workers, according to Mercer, a global consulting company. That's up from 56 percent in 2009. □

## Samsung expects tumble in profits

**YOUKYUNG LEE**

**AP Technology Writer**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** —

The world's biggest smartphone maker is suffering a financial decline in the face of intense competition from Apple Inc. and upstart Chinese brands.

In a preview to earnings due out this month, Samsung Electronics Co. said Tuesday that its quarterly profit is estimated to have fallen to its lowest level in more than three years, dragged down by weak sales of its flagship Galaxy phones.

Samsung became the biggest smartphone brand on the popularity of earlier Galaxy models. But

quarter ending in September could suffer their biggest decline in Samsung's recent history.

In Tuesday's report, Samsung said the median forecast of July-September operating income was 4.1 trillion won (\$3.8 billion). That was below the median of analysts' expectations of 5.2 trillion won, according to FactSet, a financial data provider. It would be a 60 percent plunge from record-high 10.2 trillion won a year earlier.

The decline in Galaxy sales has hurt demand for Samsung components such as an advanced display called OLED. High marketing costs are undermin-

would exceed 10 trillion won. That expectation has been steadily lowered to about half this month.

Quarterly profit from its mobile business, which reached 6.7 trillion a year earlier, is forecast to be a little over 2 trillion won.

The company needs to revamp its handset designs, said Lee Seung-woo, an analyst at IBK Securities Co. "Rather than seeking stability, Samsung should seek to distinguish (its phones) with Galaxy's design policies," he said. "The iPhone 6 will be a significant threat to Samsung."

The company moved the launch of the Galaxy Note 4, a large smartphone with



Middle school students try out Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 4 at the company's showroom in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014. Samsung Electronics Co. said Tuesday its third-quarter operating profit is estimated to have fallen to the lowest level in more than three years, as Galaxy handsets sales slow.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

Apple's release of larger-screen iPhones last month neutralized a key advantage Samsung had. Although Samsung's phones are still slightly larger than the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, the gap has narrowed enough for Apple to lure many Americans who liked the bigger Galaxy phones. Meanwhile, in emerging markets such as India and China, local brands are making inroads into Samsung's business, analysts say.

Analysts have repeatedly cut forecasts of Samsung's profit this year as Galaxy sales lagged expectations. They say earnings in the

ing profits. "The operating margin declined due to increased marketing expenditure and lowered average selling price," Samsung said in a statement. The company said it "cautiously expects increased shipments of new smartphones and strong seasonal demand for TV products." Samsung estimated sales for the July-September period declined 20 percent from a year earlier to 47 trillion won (\$44.2 billion). That was slightly below analysts' expectations of 50.4 trillion won.

In January, analysts estimated Samsung's third-quarter operating income

a stylus, to late September from October after Apple unveiled the iPhone 6 Plus. It also began sales of the Galaxy Note 4 in China last month, getting a few weeks' head start over Apple in the world's most populous country.

Last month, Samsung also received upbeat initial responses to its Galaxy Note Edge smartphone, a smartphone with a curved side screen that can display weather, news, apps and other information. But the supply volume for the Edge smartphone will be limited, likely not giving a big boost to its earnings, analysts said. □



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## Conceptis Sudoku

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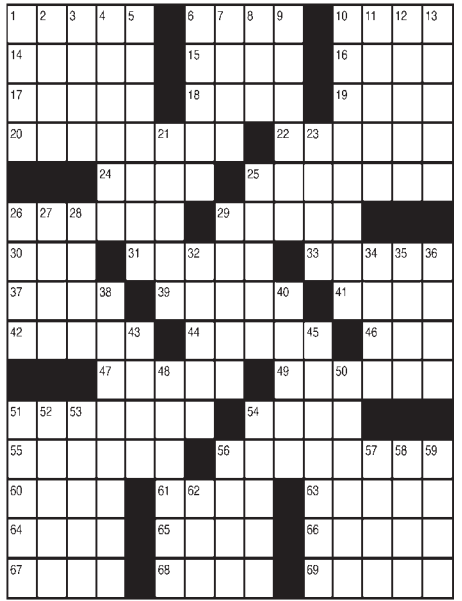
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

- Extreme
- Costs an arm and a leg
- in the face; insult
- Ambulance's blaring device
- Fodder tower
- over; think about
- Like the skin of snakes and fish
- Bucket
- Take apart
- Keep in mind
- Stubborn
- Part of speech
- Choir members
- Aristocracy; upper class
- Live; reside
- Affirmative vote
- Mysterious
- Hollers
- Equipment
- Marsh grasses
- Banister
- Fall flower
- Take illegally
- Pigeon's cry
- City transports
- Mourn; bewail
- Add-on
- Learn by; memorize
- Author May Alcott
- On the; just the opposite
- Male cow
- Luau garlands
- Traditional Eskimo home
- Secondhand
- Go out with
- Actor Romero
- State of clutter
- Takes to court
- Wear away



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- Not; no longer
- Colorado resort
- Fib teller
- Cotton gin man Whitney
- Hawn, once of TV's "Laugh-In"
- Rumrunner, for one
- Sudden forward dive
- Tooth-leaved birch tree
- Trudges along
- Purchaser
- Exclusively
- Stockholm resident
- Music's Lady

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## DOWN

- Khrushchev's nation: abbr.
- Scalp problem
- Mine car
- Stop resisting; give in

- Facial features
- as a pin
- Counts calories
- Bowling alley button
- Shoestrings
- Roaring feline
- machines; casino devices

- Eracts anew
- Beauty parlor
- Nylon mishaps
- Trellis, usually
- Overcooks milk
- Union of two or more
- businesses
- Scrapbook

- Throw liquid on
- Writer Verne
- Popular flowers
- Give a ticket to
- Additionally
- Highway
- Olden times
- de cologne



## Study: Voice-activation systems distract drivers

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**Do not Siri and drive.**

New research shows that serious distraction can result when drivers use Siri, Apple's voice-activation system, to navigate, send and receive texts, use Facebook or Twitter. Siri, it turns out, is not a safe alternative to texting-and-driving, even when a driver doesn't use the phone. And the distraction risks happen with other voice-activated technologies, which are becoming more commonplace in cars, according to the research, sponsored by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The research, conducted at the University of Utah, found that most distracting voice-activating systems flustered drivers to the point of them "cursing the systems out" for misunderstanding words and commands, said David Strayer, a neuroscientist with the University of Utah who led the research. At one point, Strayer said, someone testing one of the voice-activated systems "tried to change the radio and it instead changed the temperature in the car."

But there is some potential good news for these systems, according to the new research. It found that some car maker voice-activation solutions, in particular Toyota's Entune

system and Hyundai's Blue Link system, are proving less distracting than those offered by competitors. Those examples show "these systems can be designed so they aren't very distracting to drivers," Strayer said in a statement. Given these systems "are here to stay," he said, the goal is to make them "no more distracting than listening to the radio." The Toyota system, for example, proved to be about as distracting as listening to a book on tape. But others, like ones offered by Mercedes and Chevrolet, proved far more distracting than using a handheld cellphone. Of all the systems studied, Siri proved the most distracting, more so than even using "an error prone voice-based menu system." In the study, Siri was used by study subjects in a driving simulator, with the subjects wearing a microphone to interact with the system. The latest studies - one on systems by specific car makers and the other on independent systems like Siri - follow research published last year that began to document the risks of voice-activated systems, which are becoming increasingly commonplace. The research also comes as a growing body of research shows that electronic devices can be habit forming, to the point

of being addictive, making it hard for drivers to resist their use. Automakers have said that they are catering to consumer demand to stay connected in their cars and doing so with voice-activated systems in a way that seeks to keep driver eyes focused on the road and hands clasped on the wheel. Many neuroscientists counter that the risks come also from "cognitive distraction," which is that the brain becomes divided such that a driver is no longer focused on the road, and sometimes with deadly consequences. Strayer said he ultimately hoped that voice-activation systems would wind up being used by drivers only to help with driving-related tasks, like controlling the temperature in the car, or perhaps tuning the radio. He does not think they should be used for social interaction, whether texting or even talking on the phone, which he said is not integral to driving.

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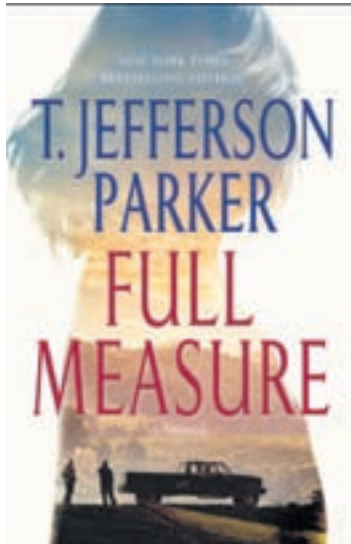
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T. Jefferson Parker, known for his crime novels, delivers an emotional and gut-wrenching literary departure that's miles away from what his fans and readers would expect in "Full Measure."

Patrick Norris returns home after a military tour in Afghanistan. He has been forever changed by the horrors he faced, the people he was forced to kill and the friends he watched die. Patrick is happy to see his family and start a small sport fishing business. But an arsonist has destroyed the majority of the trees on his parents' avocado farm. They're close to financial ruin and they ask Patrick for help, which forces him to put aside his dreams.

The challenge to rebuild the business, along with secrets that threaten to tear the family apart, takes away the hope he had when he first returned. Patrick has left the battlefield



This book cover image released by St. Martin's Press shows "Full Measure," by T. Jefferson Parker.

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of Afghanistan to enter another war, this time on the home front.

Parker captures the experience of what it means for a soldier to return home. The economic struggle of Patrick's family showcases the plight of the working farmer. The family dynamic and the elements of small-town life are also in abundance.

## Showtime to bring back 'Twin Peaks' as new series

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Showtime is returning to the weird world of "Twin Peaks" in a new series a quarter-century after the original version rocked viewers with its strangeness.

Series creators and executive producers David Lynch and Mark Frost will be back to write and produce the limited series.

Showtime announced it will go into production next year for airing in 2016. Lynch will direct all nine episodes.

Originally aired on ABC in 1990-91, it eerily posed the question, "Who killed Laura Palmer?" It was set in the quirky Pacific Northwest town of Twin Peaks, where the slain girl had lived.

Showtime said the revived "Twin Peaks" will be set in the present-day and will provide long-awaited answers for the series' fan base.

No cast members were announced.

## Actor Jennifer Lawrence: Photo hacking was a 'sex crime'

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The people who chose to look at nude celebrity photos that hackers posted committed "a sexual offense," actress Jennifer Lawrence says in an exclusive interview with Vanity Fair in its November issue.

The Oscar winner, who was among dozens of celebrities whose photos were posted beginning on Aug. 31, attacked both the hackers and those who sought out the photos in the interview, which marked the first time she had publicly commented.

"It is not a scandal. It is a sex crime," she said about the hackers. "It is a sexual violation. It's disgusting. The law needs to be changed, and we need to change." Of those who looked at the photos, she said, "Anybody who looked at those pictures, you're perpetuating a sexual offense. You should cower with shame." The 24-year-old said the photos were taken for her boyfriend of four years, ac-



In this May 17, 2014 file photo, Jennifer Lawrence appears at the "Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" party at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France.

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tor Nicholas Hoult, adding that the hardest phone call she had to make was to her father, telling him that the photos were stolen and posted on the Web. She said she considered writing a statement, but each time would "cry or get angry."

Apple acknowledged computer hackers targeted and then broke into the accounts of Lawrence and several other stars whose revealing photos were

posted on sites like Imgur.com, Reddit and Twitter, among others, during the Labor Day weekend; the FBI previously confirmed it was investigating.

Earlier this month, Apple announced plans to tighten its online security and also urged users to use stronger passwords and enable a two-step authentication feature to prevent data thefts.

The November issue of Vanity Fair goes on sale Oct. 14.

## Simpson case to launch FX's 'American Crime Story'



In this Oct. 3, 1995 file photo, O.J. Simpson, center, clenches his fists in victory after the jury said he was not guilty in the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in a Los Angeles courtroom as attorneys F. Lee Bailey, left, and Robert Shapiro, right, look on.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The FX is joining with "American Horror Story" producer Ryan Murphy on a true-crime anthology miniseries. First up: the O.J. Simpson murder case.

Each season of the miniseries, "American Crime Story," will focus on a different crime that captured the public's imagination, FX said Tuesday.

The 1994 murder of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman, and Simpson's arrest and trial led to a prolonged media frenzy. The former NFL hall of famer and TV and movie star was acquitted in the case but is in prison for a hotel robbery.

FX did not announce the casting or air date for season one of "American Crime Story," based on a book by lawyer and TV legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin. The fourth season of "American Horror Story" begins Wednesday.



# Play about Columbine shooting to open in New York

**MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A play about the Columbine High School massacre written from the perspective of the two teen shooters will make its world premiere in New York next month, penned by a playwright who was 9 at the time of the killings and calls it “a watershed moment.” Nathaniel Sam Shapiro’s “The Erklings” will begin performances on Nov. 9 at Theatre Row’s Beckett Theatre.

The play takes its title from a German poem found in a journal of one of the killers.

The playwright said he uses the teen killers’ own words — culled from chatroom logs, homework assignment, teacher’s notes and diaries — to paint portraits of two troubled kids, not monsters. The play never



This April 28, 1999 file photo shows a woman standing among 15 crosses posted on a hill above Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in remembrance of the 15 people who died during a school shooting on April 20.

depicts the shootings. “The first step in dealing with this is in a larger social context is to acknowledge our kinship with these people,” said Shapiro, a Brown University graduate who earned a master’s in play-

writing from New York University in the spring. Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, opened fire at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, killing 12 classmates and a teacher and wounding two

dozen others before killing themselves in the school’s library in 1999. Shapiro said that many of the popular perception of Harris and Klebold — that they were members of a Trench Coat Mafia and

targeted popular jocks and African-Americans — turned out to be false.

“It’s kind of incumbent upon us to swallow our pride or move past our own issues and try to reach out to these people. Learning about Eric and Dylan, one thing that sticks out is that I don’t think anyone reached out to them.”

The play will star Em Grosland as Harris and James Scully as Klebold.

It will be directed by Saheem Ali, who was an assistant director on Broadway’s “The Normal Heart” and “A Free Man of Color” at Lincoln Center Theater. Shapiro recalls his school’s dynamics changing profoundly after Columbine but then watched sadly as more school shootings occurred — Sandy Hook Elementary School, Oikos University and Red Lake Senior High, among them. □

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In this image released by ABC News, anchor David Muir from “World News Tonight with David Muir,” appears on the set in New York.

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**DAVID BAUDER**  
AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As it did in the morning two years ago, ABC News has broken a long-running winning streak by its rivals at NBC News.

ABC’s “World News” beat NBC’s “Nightly News” in viewership last week, only a month after David Muir took over as anchor from Diane Sawyer. NBC’s Brian Williams-led newscast had ruled for 263 consecutive weeks, a streak that began

in September 2009, and for 310 of the past 311 weeks. Last week ABC’s broadcast averaged 8.42 million viewers, while NBC had 8.25 million, the Nielsen company said.

In 2012, ABC’s “Good Morning America” broke an even longer winning streak in the morning by NBC’s “Today” show. Now ABC consistently wins in the morning, a changing of the guard that has been particularly lucrative for the Disney Co.-owned net-

work. ABC has been creeping up in the evening ratings the past several months, often winning among the 25-to-54-year-old demographic that advertisers consider valuable, even though most evening news viewers are older than that.

“We’re proud of the quality of the broadcast we produce every night and the stories we tell,” NBC News spokeswoman Erika Masonhall said. “In an increasingly complex world, ‘Nightly News’ is the place our audience can turn to for credible, authoritative news they can trust.”

ABC News did not comment on the ratings turn-over.

NBC suggested its rival’s ascension may be short-lived. The network said it was particularly hard hit last week by competition with the baseball playoffs because they impacted markets where “Nightly News” is stronger than “World

News.” For example, NBC said its ratings were off by 50 percent in Los Angeles on Friday, while the ABC newscast was down by only 4 percent.

NBC said it lost some 200,000 to 300,000 viewers last week in markets where local teams were in the baseball playoffs. ABC’s margin of victory last week was 166,000.

People at the ABC and NBC newscasts are in the midst of an intense rivalry, albeit one conducted primarily in whispers. Much of it stems from news consultant Andrew Tyndall, who said in a report last winter that “World News” has become “Disneyfied,” or less interested in foreign affairs and politics with a heavier concentration of lifestyle, celebrity or sports stories. The report angered many at ABC.

Tyndall, whose company monitors the content of evening newscasts, said ratings volatility can be

expected in the next few months as viewers become accustomed to Muir in the role.

During his first month as anchor, Tyndall said “World News” spent 38 minutes in total discussing the wars in Iraq and Syria, compared to 62 minutes for “Nightly News” and 89 minutes for the “CBS Evening News.”

However, Tyndall said there is evidence that NBC has “diluted” its hard news appeal since Muir took over, running several celebrity profiles.

“NBC’s celebrity focus in September may be a sign that this middle ground is beginning to feel squeezed and that it has to compete more and more on ABC’s turf,” Tyndall said. “If so, it runs the risk of incurring more defections from those looking for serious contents, not to Muir, but to the ‘CBS Evening News.’”

Masonhall said NBC had no comment on Tyndall’s analysis. □

## ABC’s ‘World News’ breaks a ratings streak



## Apple's Irish Luck



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A few weeks ago, the governor of Nevada, Brian Sandoval, signed into law a tax "incentive package" that his administration had negotiated with Tesla, the electric car company. Tesla is planning to build a giant factory to manufacture the batteries that power its cars, and Nevada was one of five states that were competing fiercely to land the plant.

It ultimately offered a staggering \$1.25 billion package of tax breaks that includes sales tax abatements for the next two decades, 10 years of property tax abatements and nearly \$200 million in transferable tax credits that Tesla could sell to Nevada companies that wanted to lower their own tax bills. Although Elon Musk, Tesla's chief executive, insisted that at least one of the other states had offered an even richer tax package, it is clear that the tax breaks Nevada came up with played an important role in landing the Tesla factory.

In reading this week about Apple's tax dealings in Ireland, I found myself reflecting on the tax deals that U.S. states cut all the time with companies they are trying to lure. It's not all that different. In a sense, what Ireland has been doing is the global equivalent of what the states do to attract business. And that is especially true in the case of Apple.

Ireland has long had one of the lowest corporate tax rates in Europe; it's currently 12.5 percent. That low rate, the Irish believe, helped attract industry and create the country's boom in the years leading up to the financial crisis.

But it did a lot more than simply offer a low corporate tax rate. It set itself up as a kind of European tax haven, so that companies like Google, Facebook, Microsoft and others could, in effect, buy an Irish address to which they could transfer a great deal of their intellectual property and route profits accrued elsewhere through the Irish subsidiary. This is called transfer pricing. Companies could also take advantage of other loopholes in the Irish tax code to get their tax bill considerably lower than 12.5 percent.

As The New York Times reported in a groundbreaking article

two years ago - and the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations confirmed last year - Apple takes advantage of every tax break Ireland offers. But according to the European Union's competition commissioner, Joaquín Almunia, in a letter released this week, the company went a step further in its dealings with the Irish tax authorities.

In 1991, Apple essentially negotiated how much tax the company would pay. It did so after it had explicitly "mentioned by way of background information that Apple was now the largest employer in the Cork area with 1,000 direct employees and 500 persons engaged on a sub-contract basis," again according to Almunia's letter. Apple also acknowledged that it had "no scientific basis" for the amount of tax it was willing to pay. The deal was then "reverse engineered" so that Apple's profits would wind up in the range that would yield the suggested taxes. (Apple now has 4,000 people working in its Cork manufacturing plant, the only Apple-owned factory in Europe; its tax deal with Ireland was reworked in 2007.)

With the recent outcry over corporate tax loopholes, the EU decided to take a closer look at some of its members' tax dealings that had been flagged in the media. In addition to Apple and Ireland, it is looking at Fiat in Luxembourg and Starbucks in the Netherlands. And while the Apple case is far from over - indeed, both Apple and Ireland insist they did nothing wrong - Almunia, at least, has concluded that Apple's tax deal with Ireland amounts to "state aid." Under European Commission rules, countries are not allowed to subsidize companies in ways that give them advantages over others in the country.

Here then is one difference between what transpires in the U.S. and what transpires in Europe: The EU has rules intended to prevent nations from giving unjustified tax breaks to companies. "In Europe there is now a mechanism to prevent the most harmful abuses" of the tax code, said Matthew Gardner, the executive director of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. It has taken a while - and required an outraged public to spur it on - but the EU finally seems intent on curbing excesses like Apple's tax deal in Ireland.

In truth, most tax subsidies don't make much sense - not for countries and certainly not for states. "There is a lot of work that shows that tax subsidies vastly overpay for the jobs they create," said Edward Kleinbard, a law professor at the University of Southern California and the author of the recent book "We Are Better Than This: How Government Should Spend Our Money."

It's a good thing that the EU is trying to curb unjustified tax breaks. Maybe it's time to do the same here. □



## The Walrus and the Politicians



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Let's consider the walrus crisis. They're piling up in Alaska. About 35,000 walruses have formed what looks to be a humongous brown ball along the northern coast. A mass of critters, some weighing 4,000 pounds, are pressed shoulder to shoulder - or flipper to flipper.

Normally, they'd be sitting on chunks of ice, periodically flopping into the water to hunt for snails and clams. But the ice has melted away, and now they're stuck on land.

On the plus side, walruses are gregarious creatures who like to snuggle. The situation is, therefore, less dire than it would be if you had 35,000 extremely large human beings squashed together on a beach, competing for food. But they're nervous.

"A Russian friend of mine said he saw a rabbit - or a tiny lemming - come near and it caused a stampede," said Margaret Williams of the World Wildlife Fund. "Then the little calves get squished. It's just so unnatural for them to be so close to one another."

I believe we all would rather see the baby walruses in happier circumstances. Also, this is obviously the sign of worse things to come: melting ice, higher sea levels, warmer oceans, screwed-up weather patterns.

How should we react? Several options:

A) Adopt a walrus family! If every town pitches in, we'll have this

solved in a minute. They can eat 6,000 clams in a single meal, so be sure to stock up.

B) Take this as a signal to get really serious about global warming.

C) Let's not get carried away. But maybe we could try to cut back on forest fires. Forest fires definitely make things hotter.

The last one is a somewhat snarky adaptation of the climate-change portion of an energy plan recently unveiled by Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, one of the Republican Party's many, many current presidential hopefuls. Louisiana does not suffer from a walrus problem. However, part of the state is sinking into the sea at a rather rapid rate, and you'd think he'd have some strong feelings about global warming. No sirree. Jindal thinks climate change is just a "Trojan horse" for leftists who want to mess with freedom of choice. But there is, you know, the forest fire idea.

You'd think that the people in charge of the states where climate change was wreaking the most havoc would be in the forefront of the battle to push it back. But no.

In Alaska, entire towns are beginning to disappear under the rising seas. Roads are buckling as the permafrost starts to melt. Polar bears, which used to like to hang out on those ice floes themselves, are land bound, hungry and on the prowl.

Sen. Mark Begich, a Democrat, has been forthright about the terrible impact climate change has had, while slightly dodgy about exactly what he wants to do to about it. His opponent, Dan ("the jury's out") Sullivan isn't sure exactly what the heck is going on. He assured one Alaska newspaper that "there is no concrete scientific consensus on the extent to which humans contribute to climate change."

Actually, there's a pretty good consensus. A vast, vast majority of climate scientists say that human beings are causing all or part of the changes in climate that are making life miserable for the walrus and destroying the

bayou country in Louisiana.

Also, causing the drains in Miami Beach to back up with saltwater, sending the ocean running down the streets. Florida has its own Republican presidential hopeful in Sen. Marco Rubio.

"I do not believe that human activity is causing these dramatic changes to our climate the way these scientists are portraying it," he told ABC News.

(Jeb Bush is from Florida, too. For the record, Bush's opinion on global warming is that it "may be real.")

There was a time when Republicans were leaders in the fight to slow climate change - particularly for the concept called "cap and trade," which had a marketplace-friendly tilt. Among the co-sponsors of a cap-and-trade bill in 2007 was Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska. Murkowski is now an independent, having lost her party's nomination in 2010 to a Tea Party favorite who complains about "climate-change alarmists."

These days, it takes courage for a Republican to acknowledge that human beings have anything to do with climate change at all.

"If you felt that was a big problem, you would think everybody in the world would be interested in going down this path, but I don't see any evidence of it so far," said the Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, helpfully.

Pressed on the issue during a recent interview with The Cincinnati Enquirer, the man who hopes to become majority leader of the Senate next year said staunchly: "I'm not a scientist."

Also on the record as not being a scientist: Rick Scott, the governor of Florida, and Marco Rubio. Florida is absolutely awash in backed-up ocean water and elected officials who are not scientists. Louisiana has a rapidly receding coastline and a governor who's afraid of the energy industry. Alaska has drowning villages and a political establishment in denial.

We are the walrus. □





## A Twist Adds Complexity to a Pasta Dish

Pasta alla Norma, a dish said to have been created in Sicily, in New York. This incarnation of the dish includes cherry tomatoes, eggplant, ricotta salata, basil leaves and thyme sprigs, if you have them.

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To me it's the best pasta dish of fall: those late night-shades, eggplant and tomato, cooked until meltingly tender, sweet and bitter at the same time, with plenty of anise-y basil and salt in the form of grated or small-diced ricotta salata. For whatever reason, it's called pasta alla Norma - created in Sicily, it's said, as a tribute to an opera, it's said - but it's hard to believe anything more complicated than that eggplant and tomato have been cooked together since they were grown together, and that their sauciness made them a natural on pasta. Most recipes are not recipes at all, but reveal themselves naturally, in the course of things.

I make pasta alla Norma all

the time, starting in August and ending when the last eggplants leave the markets.

I make it slow and I make it fast, I make it carefully and I make it hastily. And truth be told, I make it well and I make it badly. I made it with a friend a couple of weeks ago who suggested, since there was time, that I slow-roast the tomatoes. They were cherries, and tiny, and would become incredibly wet on the stove, so it was a good idea to get rid of some of the moisture in hopes of producing a drier, thicker base.

I sliced them in half and put them, with salt and oil, in the oven for a couple of hours, the last hour with a piece or two of crushed garlic. When it was almost time to eat, I sliced in a half-dozen or so fairy-tale

eggplant, the wonderful variety that's become popular and prevalent this year. Those I cooked in oil until they were soft, then drained them.

I tossed them with the tomatoes, thinned the sauce a tiny bit with pasta water and put it in a bowl with the pasta and cheese and basil.

As I said, I make this dish all the time - I offered a different version of it last year. But never has it been better than made with those slow-roasted tomatoes. Try it.

### PASTA ALLA NORMA

Time: 3 hours, most of it unattended

Yield: 2 sizable or 4 smaller portions

20 to 30 cherry tomatoes, depending on size, cut in half

Olive oil

Salt

Thyme sprigs, if you have them

2 cloves garlic, lightly crushed and peeled

12 small eggplants, about a pound total, trimmed and cut in half the long way

300 grams of pasta, about 2/3 pound

2 to 3 ounces ricotta salata, grated or diced small

20 basil leaves, torn

1. Heat the oven to 275 degrees. Put the tomatoes in one layer in an ovenproof pan and drizzle them liberally with oil, then salt and sprinkle with thyme sprigs, if using. Roast for about an hour, then stir and roast for another half-hour or so. When tomatoes are shriveled, add garlic, turn down heat to 225 degrees and roast for at least another hour. They should not cook completely dry; if they

threaten to overcook, turn the heat down or pull them out. Fish out the garlic if you like.

2. Sizzle the eggplant in about 1/4 inch of oil over medium heat. The oil should bubble steadily. Turn eggplant as needed until nicely browned. Drain on paper towels, and when cool enough to handle, cut roughly into strips.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to boil for the pasta. Add the eggplant to the tomatoes and stir. If the sauce is too thick, thin it with a bit of the pasta water.

Cook the pasta and warm a serving bowl. At the bottom of the bowl put half the sauce and half the ricotta salata. Add the pasta and the remaining sauce, cheese and basil and toss. □